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Foundation is helping sports stars of the future

ATHLETES representing Bridgend county borough in regional and national sporting competitions attended Halo's Sport Foundation Awards recently.

The recipients were chosen by the Foundation for their commitment to their training and success in competition so far.

The Foundation – which has Olympic triathlete Helen Jenkins as its ambassador - was launched because it knows 80 per cent of aspiring athletes have limited funding to support their ambitions and the crucial training and competition that will help them progress to national and international level.

The Foundation aims to give ambitious sportspeople in the county crucial support for their future.

This year the Foundation is providing funding and free training opportunities to 143 young sportsmen, sportswomen and children of ages ranging from 11-17, representing 32 different sports, everything from athletics, swimming, surf lifesaving, cycling, cricket, para-table tennis to football and judo.

(Left to right): Josh Llewellyn-Jones; Bethan Littlewood; Ffion Higginson; Kayla Smith; and Helen Jenkins.
(See back page for a picture of all the award winners).

The Foundation also launched the Community Impact Awards this year to recognise three recipients, Bethan Littlewood, Ffion Higginson and Kayla Smith who were selected for the time and effort they give back to their local club and community in terms of volunteering, coaching and mentoring.

Also at the awards ceremony was Josh Llewellyn-Jones, who has been hailed as an inspirational figure for people with Cystic Fibrosis.

Ever since he was a teenager, Josh has trained to an astonishing level, determined to lessen the impact of the condition.

For more information about the Sport Foundation and how to apply for a grant - or how you or your business could get involved supporting local athletes, visit *www.halosportfoundation.org.uk*

Council's new fund after WG 'windfall'

A new £2m 'Investing in Communities' fund is being created by Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) after it received a "windfall".

The money has been made available following a one-off grant from the Welsh Government towards teachers' and firefighters' pay and pensions.

Speaking at a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, July 23, council leader Huw David said the fund was more important than ever.

He said: "We are facing what is arguably the biggest shock to the local economy since the closure of the pits, with the Ford engine plant closing.

"This is on top of the uncertainty to our finances with the delay in the comprehensive spending review and budget setting by the UK Government, and I dare not mention the B-word (Brexit).

"The uncertainty means it is prudent to set aside some funding, without committing it at this moment, so we have the flexibility to match-fund a scheme that's made available by Welsh Government, for example."

Finance officers said the fund would enable more capital improvement works to be undertaken on council assets in local communities.

They said the criteria for allocating the funding would be determined at a later date, but all allocations would require approval from the council's corporate management board.

At a full council meeting the following day, Cllr David said the local authority had assumed it would not get any money for the pensions and pay awards and had therefore made allowances for it when setting the budget.

He said: "This is money we were not expecting to have. Schools have already received the budgets we allocated to them to fully fund those pay and pension costs.

"Other local authorities assumed they would get the grant from Welsh Government and they made no account for it in their budget which is risky.

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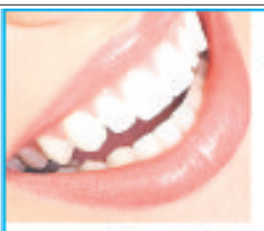
Heating homes

A revolutionary scheme to heat homes in the Llynfi Valley with water from old mines in the area has had to be re-costed.

The scheme, which is being managed by Bridgend Councty Borough Council (BCBC), will require a further funding bid.

The plan aims to heat 300 homes, community buildings and a local primary school.

For full details, see page 4.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Council's plans for Porthcawl regeneration

BRIDGEND County Borough Council (BCBC) are proposing to take the necessary actions to allow them to dispose of the area of land adjacent to the Salt Lake Car Park known locally as The Green for redevelopment.

Already local residents have made extensive comments in public on the subject, most which are incorrect.

The Green was never part of The Salt Lake Car Park lease. It was never under the control of anybody called 'Evans,' because it was always under the control of the local authority.

Therefore, it was never part of any land that BCBC paid over £3 million for.

It was not what in property development terms is known as a 'ransom strip' because there was always independent access to the land, other than over the leased land, so there was no need for the Council to pay any money for The Green.

The Green has been used by many local community organisations for many years without the need of any permission from any leaseholder because BCBC and the former Ogwr Council owned and fully controlled the land.

The Green is not a public open space. The public has had unrestricted access over the land for generations, but there is no public right of way across the land.

Perhaps if residents, councillors or the Town Council had supported my application for it to be a designated a public open space, it may have been successful. In spite of there being public notices in the press, not one resident of the town saw that this area of land should be safeguarded for the future.

Without the support and confirmation from more than myself that this area of land was extensively used for community use, the application failed.

Porthcawl needs a supermarket – let's hope it's one of the international retailers whose prices are considerably cheaper than the outlets presently in the town.

Avril Lake,
Porthcawl.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

The high tides listed in this week's Gem are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tides times will vary. For instance, in Barry the high point will be 20-25 minutes later.

UNTIL AUGUST 8

Date	Time	Height (metres)
01/08/2019	07.24	9.7
01/08/2019	19.44	10.1
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03/08/2019	21.22	10.5
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04/08/2019	22.06	10.3
05/08/2019	10.32	10.1
05/08/2019	22.53	9.9
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While the Gem makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

Boost for Porthcawl as it gets top women's golf event

ROYAL Porthcawl has been announced as the venue for the 2021 AIG Women's British Open, following on from Royal Troon, which makes its debut on the Championship roster in 2020.

A spokesperson for the organisers said: "Royal Porthcawl is renowned to be as challenging a course and as hospitable a club as you will find and has held many amateur and professional tournaments on its famous links."

In 2014, the club hosted the first ever Major in Wales, The Senior Open, which returned again for the 2017 edition won by Bernhard Langer.

Among others, the club has hosted The Amateur Championship, The Walker Cup, The Curtis Cup, The European Team Championship, The Men's Home Internationals, The Vagliano Trophy, The Women's Amateur Championship, The Dunlop Masters, The Penfold, The Ladies European Tour and The Coral Classic.

As south Wales's first 18-hole golf course, Royal Porthcawl was awarded the privilege of the prefix 'Royal' in 1909, only the second course in Wales and one of only 66 clubs around the world to have that distinction.

Johnnie Cole-Hamilton, Executive Director – Championships at The R&A, said: "We are very much looking forward to taking the AIG Women's British Open to Royal Porthcawl for the first time in 2021. We have a very exciting couple of years ahead with the Championship also making its debut at Royal Troon in 2020. Both courses will present outstanding tests for the world's best women's golfers."

Speaking on behalf of the Welsh Government, the Deputy Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism, Lord Elis-Thomas, said: "We are delighted with today's news and look forward to the honour of welcoming the AIG Women's British Open Golf to Wales in 2021.

"Wales has built its reputation as an outstanding destination for major international events and the AIG Women's British Open event will help to maintain this momentum and highlights our commitment to bringing world class women's sport to Wales.

"We are committing funding to work with the R&A, Wales Golf and clubs and schools across Wales to use the event and the Curtis Cup in Conwy in June next year to inspire more women and girls to take part in golf. "

Royal Porthcawl Club Captain, Rhys James, added: "We are thrilled that the AIG Women's British Open will be coming to Royal Porthcawl in 2021. Hosting our first women's Major is a tremendous honour for the club and we cannot wait to welcome the world's best golfers to Wales. Being here at Woburn this week and seeing the impressive scale and quality of the Championship makes us look forward to it all the more."

The Women's British Open was founded by the LGU in 1976 and has been staged in conjunction with IMG, the sports marketing company, since 1984. The event has been co-sanctioned by the LPGA and LET since 1994 and gained Major status in 2001. The Championship is now owned by The R&A.

Letter of thanks to Porthcawl's good Samaritans

ON July 18, my 88-year-old father, Bill Whitlock, who lives in Nottage, fell in the street outside Porthcawl library.

He had to wait over two hours for an ambulance. A lady who witnessed his fall stayed with him the whole time, even when the police were there, until the ambulance arrived and he was driven off to A&E.

In the meantime she chatted to him and kept him cheerful, offered him water and even returned his books to the library. She had been walking the dog with her husband and he patiently waited nearby. What extraordinary kindness.

On behalf of my family I would very much like to thank this good Samaritan. Thanks also to the police and paramedics who all played their role with kindness and humour. I must also mention my parents' wonderful carers (Jessie's Angels) who promptly put in place additional care to help my parents cope.

Fortunately, Dad suffered relatively minor injuries but was badly grazed and bruised and shocked and is slowly recovering.

With thanks,

Linda Sides,
Heytesbury,
Wiltshire.

No money from school budget

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"In Bridgend we accounted for it and hoped for the better settlement which we got.

"Because it's one-off funding we don't want to use it for revenue, hopefully it will become permanent in which case we can build it into our base budget but it's currently a windfall.

"Not a penny is being taken from the schools, it's simply an accounting exercise."

Councillors approved the transfer of £2.3m from school delegated budgets to council-wide budgets, following the receipt of grant funding from Welsh Government for the same value.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Could you be our 'Strictly' star asks Llanharan RFC

STRICTLY Dance Ltd based in Llanharan RFC are looking for volunteers to dance at a spectacular charity event in aid of Ty Hafan on Friday, October 18.

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'Don't panic about school bus cuts' says BCBC education chief

THE cabinet member for education at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) has asked people not to panic when they see the local authority's proposals to end free school transport for a large number of children and young people.

The proposals, which will go out to a 12-week public consultation in September, include:

• Removing all transport for nursery pupils.

• Removing all post-16 transport.

• Withdrawing transport for all learners benefiting from an "identified and available" safe route to school – in line with statutory distances of two miles for primary school pupils and three miles for secondary school pupils.

• Removing the 'sibling' and 'in receipt' protection for pupils and removing escorts from all taxis and minibuses of less than eight passengers – except for those transporting pupils with special educational needs

The council has said its current arrangements are "unsustainable" and the proposals will save £775k.

At a cabinet meeting on Tuesday, July 23, Cllr Charles Smith said: "At this stage they are just proposals.

"We are hoping some of these could be mitigated if Welsh Government does something about post 16 transport.

"I would ask people not to panic when they see the content of this report but we can't make any false promises.

"We do sometimes have to make unpalatable and unpopular decisions.

"Let's see what the consultation comes up with and let's see where we are in terms of budget when the consultation has ended."

He said any changes to the council's school transport policy would be implemented in September, 2020.

He said: "When Estyn inspected us they did point out where we need to make certain savings in transport and this is having a knock-on effect elsewhere in the education system.

"If we didn't decide to go along with any of these changes we would have to make savings elsewhere in education."

BCBC's cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, questioned whether the cutting of free transport as proposed would have saved some of the bus routes now threatened after the local authority cut its subsidies.

Council leader Huw David said the issue would be considered as part of the consultation process.

Education officers said there was a £1.1m overspend on school transport for 2018/19 and changes in demographics and demand meant that in 2019/20 an additional £470k had been necessary to support the budget.

The last changes made to the school transport policy were in 2015 but legal challenges from parents questioning the safety of certain routes to school meant much of it wasn't implemented.

The council said it was now satisfied that it had identified all the safe walking routes to schools by completing relevant assessments and consultations.

A report by education officers, which went before cabinet, said the proposal to remove discretionary transport was "not taken lightly" but continuing its free provision would "have a significant impact on the ability of the local authority to support and sustain other critical services long-term".

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

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Rare orchids are thriving at Kenfig Nature Reserve

Picture by Liam Ronan

A RECENT council check on orchid numbers at Kenfig National Nature Reserve in Bridgend county borough had to stop when wardens and volunteers found there were too many to count in a single day.

They were amazed to find that in less than five years, orchid numbers at the 1,300 acre reserve have increased from a couple of hundred to more than 4,000. The site features as many as 15 different species including Twayblades, Autumn Lady's Tresses, Bee Orchids and more, and is also home to the UK's entire population of the Fen Orchid.

There were fears for the future of the Fen Orchid as recently as 2015 after its numbers dropped to fewer than 200, but thanks to a special landscape management scheme which involves cutting back grass and scraping the surface of dune slacks, to encourage and stimulate growth, the Fen Orchids have now increased to more than 1,000.

Cllr Richard Young, cabinet member for communities, said: "The orchids prosper at Kenfig National Nature Reserve because they seem to thrive on a shifting dune system. This is certainly true of the super-rare Fen Orchid, which has had a massive turnaround in its fortunes since our new landscape management system began.

"The Fen Orchid attracts botanists from all over the world, but whether they comprise colourful petals, lobes and florets, spikes of green flowers or delicate white spirals, all of the orchids at Kenfig National Nature Reserve are naturally beautiful.

"I am delighted that the council has played a role in protecting the site's many habitats and ensuring that Kenfig's orchids can thrive.

"We are currently preparing for the handover of the management of the site when the lease expires in 2020, and together with Natural Resources Wales, we are supporting the Kenfig Corporation Trust as they seek to appoint a new organisation capable of continuing with this work."

Regarded as being one of Europe's best examples of a sand dune habitat, Kenfig National Nature Reserve features a mix of coastal dune and wetland environments.

Once part of a massive belt of sand which ran all the way from the Ogmore estuary to the Gower peninsula, it was designated a site of Special Scientific Interest in 1953, a local Nature Reserve in 1978, a National Nature Reserve in 1989, and a Special Area of Conservation in 2006.

Bridgend Business Club are looking for award nominees

THE Bridgend and The Vale business club is delighted to present the BVBC awards for business at the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa on November 2 and local businesses are invited to nominate themselves for an award.

The nomination forms will be published next month, but are available from BVBC by email at TheBVBC@gmail.com.

THE categories are:

Award for energy efficiency in business – sponsored by Viridian UK: For striving for energy efficiency within their business and/or are taking steps to implement this; **Award for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year** – sponsored by R.McGee Insurance Broker Ltd: For those aged 18-25 who can prove they are a true entrepreneur; **Award for Best Innovation in Business** – sponsored by ITCS (UK) Ltd: for using an innovative method or implemented innovative ways of working; **Award for Best New Business** – sponsored by Prings Plumbing and Heating Ltd: for a business that has been in existence less than 12 months that can prove their success by growth, achievement or profit; **Award for Best Staff Development** – sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings Ltd: for developing staff training, support or career structures; **Award for The Business that most benefits the local area** – sponsored by F9 Films: for supporting volunteers and providing jobs and income locally; **Award for Best Business Marketing** – sponsored by AMB building and construction: for an innovative marketing strategy; **Award for Best Business Growth** – sponsored by The Glamorgan GEM: for significant growth over the last 12 months; **Award for Best Product or Service Range** – sponsored by Perry's Vehicle Repairs Ltd: for a product or service range making a significant difference within the business and wider community; **Award for Best Customer Service** – sponsored by Peninsula HR H&S-Barry Quinn: for excellent customer service by examples or by implentation and practice; **Award for Best Overall Business** – sponsored by Bridgend and The Vale Business Club: for judging an overall winner from the 10 previous awards.

The black tie event will be hosted by Radio's Jagger and Woody, who will be there all evening, and tickets are £40 each which include a three-course meal, the awards ceremony and after dinner entertainment and The GEM will provide exclusive coverage.

Quizzers wanted!

BRIDGEND Quiz League is inviting teams and individuals to attend a social evening on September 2 at 8pm for a free general knowledge quiz followed by a free buffet at Tondu Railway Club, Station Approach, Tondu CF32 9DY.

If you are a quizzer with three or four friends, able to form a team within a pub/club in Bridgend County Borough and available on Monday nights between late September and April, you are invited to register for the 2019/20 season. Entry for the season is £40 a team, (approximately 40p a person per quiz). You can also register by post at BQL Treasurer, 7 Swn Yr Adar, Penyfai, Bridgend CF31 4GE. Cheques should be received by September 2 and made payable to Bridgend Quiz League. Please provide team details with a contact name, phone number and email address. But why not attend to see what we are all about and take part in the general knowledge quiz with your friends? You can also take advantage of the free buffet! There is no obligation to join the League. Visit our website or contact Steve on 01656 722754.

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Projected costs rise for Caerau heating scheme

Geological testing in progress at the site.

The villages that could be getting heating energy from mine water.

THE Caerau mine water heat project will cost over a million pounds more to build than first thought, those behind the scheme have said, as they submit a further funding bid to cover it.

The project involves extracting heat from water contained within the flooded former coal mine workings of the Caerau Colliery to provide an energy resource for properties within Caerau.

The scheme is looking to supply 300 homes, community buildings and the primary school in its first phase of development.

It is one of several schemes Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) is working on as part of its role as a "pioneer of renewable energy projects".

The county is one of three areas in the UK, alongside Bury in Greater Manchester and Newcastle, chosen by the UK Government to facilitate projects that could then be rolled out across the country.

A feasibility study in 2018 showed that water under Caerau was at a consistent temperature of 20.5°C.

In a report which went before BCBC's cabinet on Tuesday, July 23, officers said work on establishing the commercial position of the project was almost complete.

But they said the findings of the work to date and structural changes within the local authority had resulted in the need to submit revised proposals to the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO).

It has asked WEFO to increase its grant for the project from £6.5m to £7.3m.

The overall project cost is now £9.7m, £300k more than originally planned.

This includes £6.3m for construction costs as opposed to the initial figure of £5.2m.

While the costs for council staff and travel have now fallen by £1m to £839k, the cost for professional services has increased by £100k to £2.2m and accommodation costs have doubled to £300k.

BCBC is overseeing the project but receives advice and support from a range of partners which include the Welsh Government, British Geological Survey, Natural Resources Wales, Cardiff University and Energy Systems Catapult.

In their report, officers said the mine water would have its heat extracted before it was then transferred to a clean water circuit.

They said: "This water would then be transported via a network of pipes to local energy centres where the temperature would be boosted to the required temperature by ground source heat pumps and then circulated to the residents' houses.

"The Coal Authority has undertaken a mine water resource assessment beneath the village and this will be validated through further investigations during 2019.

"Hitachi has completed an assessment of local energy supply options for the heat pumps and as an alternative to a grid connection a connection to a local wind farm via a private wire is being explored."

The scheme is dependent on enough households signing up to it.

At the July 23 meeting, the cabinet member for communities, Cllr Richard Young, said: "The project is directly dependent on people engaging with us and I think they will.

"There was a great deal of scepticism when we first muted the possibility of this which has largely disappeared.

"I think everybody knows what the scheme is about."

Council leader Huw David added: "I was very heartened to see the outcome of our visits to local primary schools.

"There was huge support from children and young people because they see the value of it as a sustainable way of generating heat.

"This is one of the reasons we are progressing the scheme.

"I'm pleased to say that unlike some local authorities and governments who are declaring climate change emergencies, we are not reacting to the crisis now as we started this back in 2015.

"This is about actions rather than statements.

"We have found a new use for the mines which were the sources of wealth and pride in the past, and the reason that community is there.

"We are the first in the UK- and only the second in the world – to pioneer the first large scale mine water project."

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Council plans to make community asset transfers less complicated

OUTDOOR sports facilities, public toilets and playgrounds in Bridgend will be fast tracked into the hands of willing clubs and organisations under a new policy change being implemented by the local authority.

Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) says the changes being made to its Community Asset Transfer (CAT) policy will speed up the process, perceived as frustratingly slow by interested groups.

The council said it can no longer afford to run certain facilities and the CATs are a way to maintain and preserve threatened services.

Until now, very few clubs, groups or town and community councils have undertaken an asset transfer in the county.

The council now hopes, with the relaxation of certain procedures, that it will change, particularly as it is looking at full cost recovery of facilities which could have clubs paying up to five times more than at present.

At a cabinet meeting on July 23, cabinet member for communities Richard Young said the fast track approach would only apply to trusted partners.

He said: "We now have a two-tier system which I think will work to speed up the transfer process.

"For those organisations which have sound financial principles and good governance arrangements, such as community councils, we wouldn't need a very detailed business plan as there's very limited risk involved in fast-tracking assets to them.

"For those looking at an asset transfer who are not as financially sound, we would refer back to what we had and expect the detailed business case and other questions to be asked."

He told councillors one of the catalysts for reviewing the CAT process had been the experience with Bryncethin RFC, the first club to complete an asset transfer in the county.

Cllr Young said: "While it has now become very successful, it was quite torturous at the time for a number of reasons.

Legal problems

"This included legal problems we had to work through which did not lend the asset to a quick transition.

"However, in reviewing the process we discovered it was quite rigid and a bit unwieldy."

Council officers said the CAT process had been based on Welsh Government-suggested best practice but would now use a "more light-touch approach".

A report detailed the advantages of a streamlined process which include helping the council make more savings more quickly, but pointed out the risk that assets could be returned in a worse condition and then closed.

In the report, officers said: "Ongoing policies of fiscal austerity mean that Wales is continuing to face an unprecedented and difficult financial climate for the delivery of local government services.

" It is imperative that the council continues to work in collaboration with voluntary sector organisations to safeguard the services of value to communities, helping to build a prosperous Wales for current and future generations."

In reviewing the process, they said a task and finish group had considered approaches adopted by other local authorities like Carmarthenshire and Neath Port Talbot to community asset transfers.

The changes being implemented include:

- ***Community groups being issued with all the details surrounding the asset's condition, operating costs and compliance at the earliest opportunity.***
- ***Model terms and template leases for particular asset groups.***

A list of assets available for community asset transfer will be maintained, periodically reviewed and updated and the submission of income and expenditure projections for a minimum of a five-year period will be enough for the majority of community asset transfers, but detailed business plans will still be requested for complex projects and the new approach will mean that the majority of community groups will no longer be expected to produce a full detailed business case.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Bridgend loses out on Welsh Government transport funding

AN Assembly Member declared she was "baffled" at the news that Bridgend County Borough has not received funding from Welsh Government to improve its local transport.

Suzy Davies, Welsh Conservative AM for South Wales West, has received a response from Welsh Government's Transport Minister confirming that the borough would lose out on promising new plans.

This comes after Welsh Government announced in June that £2.5 million was available to review transport networks in Wales and to look at improvements needed to bus stops and new transport interchanges. At the time, Ken Skates, Welsh Government's Transport Minister, said: "We're going to use this funding to plan for future investment," to target areas in south west Wales."

Responding to the news, Mrs Davies said: "As an AM for the whole of south Wales west I am pleased that Swansea will get some of this support from Welsh Government. Assembly Members raised the issue of lack of transport planning alongside proposals for the Swansea Bay City Deal, so I'm pleased that the message has got through to both our governments.

"However, it is bitterly disappointing that Bridgend has missed out. The cuts to bus subsidies have already badly affected residents and the borough is not at the forefront of the plans for the Cardiff Capital Region which covers Bridgend.

"The Minister's comments when announcing this funding gave the impression that all of south Wales west would benefit. The region goes from Bridgend across to the Gower. I wrote to the Minister asking for details of how Bridgend would benefit, only to find that it gets nothing whatsoever."

The Transport Minister announced that he would be "making a statement before the summer recess that will provide more detail of this work, as well as four pilot scheme that are going to be taking place across Wales."

Mrs Davies added: "The Minister made that promise back in June and yet June 17 was Welsh Government's last chance to make an announcement in the Assembly before September. The Minister has now failed to meet his promise to update us before the summer and, even more importantly, it now means that I will not have the opportunity to raise Bridgend's omission with him in the Chamber until he comes back to the Assembly in September."

Rugby guests help Colwinston celebrate brand new playground

The two Ospreys and Welsh internationals were star guests at the opening of the new children's playground.

TWO Welsh rugby internationals recently attended the opening of a new state of the art play area for Colwinston, as part of celebrations at the village's annual fete.

The new swings, climbing units, slides and wheelchair accessible roundabout were officially opened to local children by Carol Ravenscroft, Colwinston's Community Hall Association Committee Member, a representative of one of the several community groups involved in the refurbishment.

The £75,000 scheme was led by the Vale Council, with funding also being contributed by the Colwinston Community Hall Association and Colwinston Community Council.

Alan Horton, Chair of Colwinston Community Hall Association, said: ""This project started nearly three years ago when an ex-resident Tim Corry acted as the catalyst to kick off the committee's actions and has been delivered with huge support from local residents.

"Finally, thanks are also due to the Vale Council who have guided the committee through the whole process and managed the build programme to ensure we hit our opening plan."

Does your child have a dormant Trust Fund?

MADELEINE Moon MP is highlighting the estimated 2,700 dormant Child Trust Funds in the Bridgend constituency.

Child Trust Funds were introduced in 2005 as individual savings accounts for children born between September 1, 2002 and January 2, 2011 with the government initially paying up to £920 into these accounts. However, since the scheme was discontinued in 2011, more than one million account holders have been lost by the Government.

The Share Foundation is working with HMRC to 'wake up' these missing funds. Nationally there have been particular problems with young people in care and families who received Child Tax Credit recovering their savings.

Mrs Moon said: "The initial recipients of the Child Trust Fund will turn 18 next year and will be able to access their savings, averaging £1,000. There are concerns that accounts that have not been activated for 15 years may be deemed subject to the Dormant Bank and Building Society Accounts Act 2008, which could make them inaccessible.

"These funds were introduced to encourage families to save, and to leave the accounts dormant could deny young people in Bridgend their deserved opportunities in life.

"I want to draw attention to this issue to ensure that the children who this fund was most intended to reach receive the money that is rightfully theirs."

To access a Child Trust Fund, you can reach the 'Find a Child Trust Fund' page at tiny.cc/findCTF; you need to be the parent or legal guardian, or the child or young person whom the account belongs to (you will need to be 16 or over to use the service).

Blaengarw man jailed for attacks on partner in her home

A 26-year-old man threatened to kill himself after carrying out a series of attacks on his partner in her home, *writes AJ Sicluna*.

Matthew Warwick had taken part in "serious domestic violence" said Judge Tracey Lloyd-Clarke at Cardiff Crown Court as she jailed him for six months. Warwick of Forest View, Blaengarw, who had no previous convictions, admitted one charge of causing Kayleigh Brown actual bodily harm and six of assault.

Prosecutor Bethan Evans said the pair had known each other for nine years. In 2017 he moved into her address, but things began to deteriorate. In January, he punched her a number of times and three days later gripped her wrist so hard it caused marks.

In February, she believed he was sending messages to a woman. "They argued, he kicked her on the leg, lunged at her and bit her left wrist," said Ms Evans.

She wanted him to go, but he said: "It will take an army to make me leave."

In April, he told her he would sleep with whomever he wanted and grabbed her by the throat. "He also said he was going to kill her and added: 'I'll rape you'."

Later that month, he threw a shoe at her and kicked her right thigh. She fled from her home and he grabbed her outside and punched her.

Following this, on other occasions, he slammed her head against a wall a number of times and she believed she lost consciousness. Ms Evans said the offence of causing actual bodily harm occurred on May 7.

"The atmosphere between them was tense and in a bedroom they began bickering. He jumped on the bed and spat on her. She fell off and he called her degrading names. "At this point he was foaming at the mouth, hit her on her left arm, grabbed her face causing her nose to bleed, struck her head and kicked her."

After saying he was going to kill himself, he left the house. When arrested, he accepted the allegations put to him and said he had repeatedly been accused of being unfaithful.

In a victim impact statement, Ms Brown said she was scared of Warwick, who had destroyed her confidence, and she would check her locked front door five times a night.

Warwick's counsel, Christopher Rees, urged that immediate custody be avoided. "Testimonials indicated that his offences are out of character. His employer speaks very highly of him. His father is seriously ill and requires 24-hour care. He is clearly remorseful and realises he has brought shame on himself and his family.

"One problem is that he has a limited capacity in dealing with adult relationships, but there is a realistic prospect of rehabilitation. He is still very young and comes from a respectable family."

The Judge said he had become jealous and abusive and constantly put her down. A five-year restraining order was made preventing him contacting her.

Cardiff Airport's new community plan

CARDIFF Airport has launched a new initiative aiming to support the local community entitled 'The Touchdown Programme'.

An airport spokesperson said that it was "an action plan" across four key areas:

1. Charity support - the airport will select a 'Charity Of The Year' to benefit from a number of fundraising activities across the Airport

2. Cardiff Airport in the Community – a grant scheme with three tiered levels of funding available: Gold: £500, Silver: £250, Bronze: £100. Organisations or groups of any size across South Wales can apply for sponsorship or funding for local projects focussed on education and/or environmental impact

3. The Learning Programme – an educational visit scheme for schools, extra-curricular groups and other community clubs

4. Community Communication – ensuring the airport is talking to and listening to the community through a number of ways, including committees and events.

Deb Bowen Rees, CEO at Cardiff Airport said: "We strive to make a positive contribution to our community as we understand the significance of having an airport in the region, and impact that can have on people's lives.

"Our community is hugely important to us. South Wales is the area where our team and many of our customers live, work and enjoy life so we want to ensure we support the region and give back in as many ways as we can."

Applications are now being taken for Charity Support and the Cardiff Airport in the Community grant scheme. The deadline for applications is August 31. The selection process will be completed and announced in November, with the view to selecting and having partners in place by January 1, 2020.

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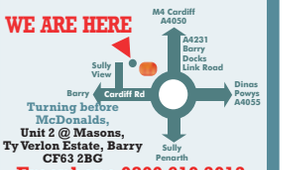

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Bridgend Soroptimist Club visits Cowbridge Physic Garden

ON July 24, members of Bridgend Soroptimist Club spent a very pleasant evening learning the history of the Cowbridge Physic Garden. Volunteer guides Tina and Mary gave them a comprehensive tour of the grounds. Visit sigbi.org/bridgend-and-district or find them on www.facebook.com/BridgendSoroptimists

Business club is looking for award nominees

THE Bridgend and The Vale business club is delighted to present the BVBC awards for business at the Best Western Heronston Hotel and Spa on November 2 and local businesses are invited to nominate themselves for an award.

THE nomination forms will be published next month, but are available from BVBC by email at TheBVBC@gmail.com.The categories are:

Award for energy efficiency in business – sponsored by Viridian UK: For striving for energy efficiency within their business and/or are taking steps to implement this; **Award for the Young Entrepreneur of the Year** – sponsored by R.McGee Insurance Broker Ltd: For those aged 18-25 who can prove they are a true entrepreneur; **Award for Best Innovation in Business** – sponsored by ITCS (UK) Ltd: for using an innovative method or implemented innovative ways of working; **Award for Best New Business** – sponsored by Prings Plumbing and Heating Ltd: for a business that has been in existence less than 12 months that can prove their success by growth, achievement or profit; **Award for Best Staff Development** – sponsored by Welcome Home Sales and Lettings Ltd: for developing staff training, support or career structures; **Award for The Business that most benefits the local area** – sponsored by F9 Films: for supporting volunteers and providing jobs and income locally; **Award for Best Business Marketing** – sponsored by AMB building and construction: for an innovative marketing strategy; **Award for Best Business Growth** – sponsored by The Glamorgan GEM: for significant growth over the last 12 months; **Award for Best Product or Service Range** – sponsored by Perry's Vehicle Repairs Ltd: for a product or service range making a significant difference within the business and wider community; **Award for Best Customer Service** – sponsored by Peninsula HR H&S-Barry Quinn: for excellent customer service by examples or by implentation and practice; **Award for Best Overall Business** – sponsored by Bridgend and The Vale Business Club: for judging an overall winner from the 10 previous awards.

The black tie event will be hosted by Radio's Jagger and Woody, who will be there all evening, and tickets are £40 each which include a three-course meal, the awards ceremony and after dinner entertainment and The GEM will provide exclusive coverage.

Book your place for art and drama in Blaengarw

VALLEY and Vale Community Arts are holding free art, drama and film workshops at Blaengarw Workmen's Hall from August 5 - 9 and 12 - 19, from 10am - 1pm.

The workshops are suitable for ages seven upwards.

The workshops will be based on the story of the famous Anderson family who came to the valley in the 1910s to run a music hall venue called the Hippodrome, and participants can choose to create artwork, sing, perform or create a documentary or short film.

For further information or to book a place contact us on 01656 729246.

You can also email alys@valleyandvale.org.

There are limited places, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Housing plans for old Bryn Castell school site

PLANS for 127 homes on the site of the old Bryn Castell School in Bridgend will go before the local authority's planning committee on August 1.

Ysgol Bryn Castell was closed as part of the school modernisation programme in 2014 and has since been demolished.

The Persimmon Homes development comprises a mix of two, three and four-bedroom homes in Llangewydd Road. Planning officers at Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) have recommended the plans for approval, subject to conditions.

The original plans involved 135 homes and officers said they asked Persimmon Homes to reduce the number of properties, increase the public open space on site, retain more trees and improve the design and layout of the development.

The company has also had to address highway safety concerns and submit an air quality assessment, planning officers said in their report, which goes before the development control committee later this week.

The site's first development phase had 67 homes built by Barratt Homes.

The proposed new homes are mostly two storeys in height but there is also a 2.5 storey house type that would be built in a row of three units towards the north eastern corner of the site.

The plans comprise 31 two-bedroom dwellings, 67 three-bedroom dwellings and 29 four-bedroom dwellings.

Local residents have submitted a number of objections over the development with concerns over the loss of privacy, construction noise, loss of trees and highway safety concerns.

Some have claimed the area is "dangerously over-congested" at school start and finish times and the development will cause the area to gridlock.

Council officers said they had negotiated with the company over its plans to get rid of a significant number of trees and the revised plans were now "more appropriate". They added that 24 trees due to be removed had been assessed as being low or poor quality and there was a re-planting and landscaping scheme in place.

Air quality mitigation measures now include the provision of a ghost island on Park Street onto Heol y Nant to reduce congestion and pollution, the inclusion of the link to the active travel network including a three-metre wide cycle/pedestrian route and the provision of green infrastructure.

If approved, Persimmon Homes will have to provide £1.4m as part of a Section 106 agreement towards meeting the affordable housing need in the area in addition to a contribution of £540k towards the provision of secondary school and post-16 places serving the development.

Further conditions involve the provision of outdoor recreation space and an £8k contribution to fund a road traffic order to designate the development site as a 20mph zone. Vehicular access will be gained from the south and west of the site via Llangewydd Road.

The application number is P/18/1006/FUL.

Liz Bradfield
Local democracy reporter

Nantymoel pupils raise plastic pollution concerns with MP

OGMORE MP Chris Elmore has called for a debate in Parliament on plastic pollution, following a recent meeting with pupils from Nantymoel Primary School who were concerned about the escalating problem.

Alongside Ogmore AM Huw Irranca-Davies, Mr Elmore met a group of pupils at his constituency office in Pencoed who raised their recent efforts to tackle the problem.

The pupils, led by Polly Davies, also called them to put pressure on government ministers to do more to tackle the problem.

In Parliament recently, Mr Elmore asked the Leader of the House of Commons, Mel Stride MP, for a debate on the issue before the Parliamentary summer recess on how the government could accelerate "getting rid of single-use plastics from society" for good.

The MP said: "While I realise this issue has risen up the political agenda in recent years, if you walk into your local supermarket you'll see that buying single-use plastics is still unavoidable in most cases and this simply has to change.

"We need to finally put an end to the throw-away society we've become far too accustomed to and prevent our actions from choking our oceans and rivers any further than they already have.

"Earlier this year, Labour forced Parliament to become the first country in the world to declare an environment and climate emergency and tackling the scourge of plastic pollution must form a key part of addressing this wider crisis."

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MP calls for the expansion of green energy

CHRIS Elmore wants to see more effort being put into expanding the renewable energy sector in Wales.

The Ogmore MP says the low-carbon and renewable energy economy already employs nearly 10,000 people in Wales, but the sector could be expanded if there were more opportunities to explore and to export renewable energy.

Mr Elmore asked International Trade Minister Graham Stuart in the Commons what the UK Government is doing to boost the economy and export more to provide more jobs across Wales and the UK.

Mr Stuart said promoting renewables is one more function of a dedicated trade department.

He said: "We have export campaigns targeting renewable energy opportunities across Europe, Latin America and south-east Asia, along with support programmes."

Mr Stuart congratulated Mr Elmore on championing renewable energy employers and employees. "We are absolutely dedicated to doing that," he said.

Council to assess response to sports club consultation

A TWELVE-week public consultation on proposals which could see playgrounds close and outdoor sports facilities disappear in Bridgend attracted around 1,800 responses.

Bridgend County Borough Council's head of operations for community services, Zak Shell, said the local authority was analysing the responses and would bring a report before councillors in September.

Speaking in a cabinet meeting on July 23, Mr Shell said: "We will be coming back to both scrutiny committee and cabinet in September with the outcome of the consultation.

"We have talked about moving to a full cost recovery of outdoor sports facilities which would in itself stimulate community asset transfers at a greater rate than they are now."

The council has previously provided rugby, football and cricket clubs with a financial subsidy of up to 80 per cent but is now looking to pass responsibility for pitches and pavilions on to sports clubs via community asset transfers.

It says it can no longer provide the same level of services it has done, due to ongoing cuts. Senior officers say the local authority needs to make savings of £36m in the next four years.

It has warned clubs and local organisations that if they don't take responsibility for them, the council will have little option but to close facilities – or charge clubs up to five times more to use them.

Liz Bradfield,
Local democracy reporter

Emmaus South Wales donated over £8.5k worth of items to people in need last year

EMMAUS South Wales, a homeless charity based in Bridgend, has recently announced its solidarity figure for last year.

Emmaus, which provides a home and meaningful work opportunities for formerly homeless individuals, known as 'companions', strives to support people in the local community too. They call this work 'Solidarity' meaning they work to help those less fortunate than themselves.

This can be valuable for Emmaus companions, as it is often key to helping rebuild self-esteem, proving that everyone has the capacity to make a difference to the lives of others.

Every month the charity works closely with numerous organisations to provide local disadvantaged people with essential furniture items, ensuring they don't move into an empty property.

During July 18 – June 19, Emmaus South Wales donated £8,631.10 worth of items to local people in need through their solidarity work.

All of the furniture, electrical items and clothing that is given to people in need to alleviate poverty and social exclusion has been donated to the charity by its supporters!

But their solidarity work doesn't end there. Emmaus South Wales has also supported Emmaus International by donating a day's takings from their Social Enterprise (£2,474.06) to help fund projects across the world.

If you would like to know more about Emmaus South Wales and their solidarity work visit their website at www.emmaus-south-wales.org.uk.

Summertime at Bridgend Bridge Club

THE latest results for Bridgend Bridge Club are as follow.

The British Summer Simultaneous Pairs competition was played on July 24. First, Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage; second, Laura Woodruff and Mike Close; third, Steve Burgoyne and Linda Pinnock. The winners on handicap were Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage. Nationally Tony Ratcliff and Julian Pottage were second out of over 500 pairs.

On July 25: first, Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas; second, Eileen Mahoney and Jeff Barnett; third, Peter and Hilary Rowley. The winners on handicap were Dilys Bowser and V Irene Thomas.

On July 26: first, Tony Disley and Jenny Vaughan; second Vida Halford and Glyn Williams; third, Marjorie Morris and Bill Turner. The winners on handicap were Vida Halford and Glyn Williams.

Regular club nights take place at 7pm on Wednesday and Friday evenings at Nolton Church Hall.

On Thursday afternoons at 2pm there is a gentle bridge session when help is available with the bidding.

All sessions are played in a friendly manner, visitors and new members are always welcome.

For more information, call Steve Burgoyne on 01656 661968.

Street party organised by tenants to galvanise their new community

Tenants celebrate with a street party to launch new development.

TENANTS at Heol Loveluck in Bridgend organised a street party last week to help to get to know one another and to celebrate the completion of the new development.

Activities included a bouncy castle, body art, gladiator duel and sumo wrestler inflatables, street football and a range of lovely food including ice cream and a barbeque.

Developed by Hafod in partnership with Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) and contractors Lovell, the scheme has provided 24 one and two-bedroom apartments, 23 two, three and four-bedroom homes and one specially adapted bungalow to rent.

Hafod's neighbourhood coach, Danielle Gouge, said: "The community spirit in putting this event together has been brilliant and it's given everyone an opportunity to get to know their neighbours more closely. I'm looking forward to continue working with our tenants and seeing the street flourish."

Hafod currently own and manage over 1,200 homes in the county borough.

Cadwgan Thomas, head of development at Hafod said: "Hafod is proud to have supported the local area through a number of community benefits and employment opportunities during the build."

Funded by Hafod and the Welsh Government's Social Housing Grant and Housing Finance Grant, it represents a £7.5 million investment.

Cllr Dhanisha Patel, cabinet member for wellbeing and future generations, said: "With Hafod and Lovell and with investment from Welsh Government, we have been able to provide new homes for local people who are in the greatest need."

Ruby, Saffron and Eli 'ambassadors for Maesteg'

AT the latest meeting of the Rotary club of Maesteg, three students who the club sponsored for the youth leadership course at Storey Arms, Brecon, were presented with certificates for their successful participation.

The three students, Saffron Ward, Ruby Davies and Eli's-Llyr Treharne all thoroughly enjoyed their residential course on the Brecon Beacons.

They were great ambassadors for the town of Maesteg.

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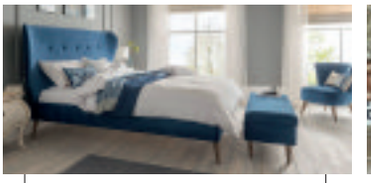

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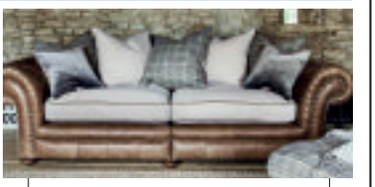

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Come choose *your* favourite artwork in Porthcawl

PORTHCAWL Art Society members welcomed the Deputy Mayor of Porthcawl, Cllr Brian Jones, to open the new summer exhibition in their John Street home.

He had the difficult task of choosing his favourite paintings from the huge variety on display up in the gallery, but clearly enjoyed making his selections, and his overall favourite was 'Dyffryn Gardens' by Clive Callen.

The exhibition runs throughout the summer and is well worth a visit. New members are welcome to join us on a Wednesday afternoon from 1pm – 3pm or a Wednesday evening 7pm – 9pm. All enquiries to Wendy on 01656 859759.

Time to Step Out for Stroke in Bridgend

FIFTY years since the first man walked on the moon, stroke survivors in Bridgend are now proving that they too can overcome their own challenges by taking part in a charity walk for the Stroke Association.

To mark this 50th anniversary, the Stroke Association is hoping each walk will have at least 50 participants raising at least £50 to fund its work supporting stroke survivors and their loved ones, as they rebuild their lives after stroke.

Just as people once thought walking on the moon was impossible, many people still don't think that you can recover from stroke.

The charity is inviting people across Bridgend to sign up for Step Out for Stroke at Newbridge Fields at 2pm on August 11.

Step Out for Stroke is a series of mile-long walks taking place across the UK this summer. The courses are suitable for any level of walking ability, wheelchair accessible and participants can walk at their own pace, in their own time.

Bridget Stadden of the Stroke Association in Wales said: "When stroke strikes, part of your brain shuts down, and so does a part of you. That's because a stroke happens in the brain, the control centre for who we are and what we can do.

"The impact of that varies depending on which part of your brain is affected; it could be anything from wiping out your speech, leaving you with a physical disability or affecting your emotions and personality.

"For many stroke survivors, rebuilding their lives can seem like a huge challenge, much like reaching the moon. We know that recovery is tough, we don't deny that: but with the right specialist support and a ton of courage and determination, the brain can adapt after stroke.

"Just as those first steps on the moon were celebrated 50 years ago, every Step Out for Stroke walk celebrates the many ways in which stroke survivors are rebuilding their lives. Recovery from stroke is a team effort." Local X-Factor singer Thomas Pound will take to the stage to help all the walkers warm up from 1pm and there will be inflatable fun and entertainment for the children. Online sign up ended on July 31 but people are welcome to join on the day. To find out more, visit www.stroke.org.uk/stepout.

'Gogglebox' theme for GFWI show

'GOGGLEBOX' was the theme for this year's Glamorgan Federation of Women's Institutes annual show, which was held on July 20 at The North Cornelly Community Halls.

Classes were entitled 'Wimbledon 2109', 'Call the Midwife', 'Love your Garden', 'One Man and His Dog' and 'Made in Chelsea' giving members a chance to demonstrate their many skills in craft, cookery, flower arranging, preserve making, horticulture, poetry and art.

Prizes were presented by Ann Davies, the Federation chairman.

The Swansea Cup for Best Cookery in Show was won by Rachel Watkins of Upper Killay WI. Gloria Jones of Port Talbot WI collected the Llanblethian Cup for her exquisite floral arrangement in the 'Top of the Pops' class and she also took first prize for her very imaginative floral interpretation of 'The Great British Bake Off'. Christine Davies a member of Ynysfach WI won the Kenfig Cup for Best Preserve in Show. The Upper Killay Trophy for Best Art Work was presented to Christine Ward from Pontypridd WI, for her painting of 'One Man and His Dog'. The Doris Richard Cup for Best Craft in Show was presented to Wendy Wright from Swansea Central WI who also won the Dilys Price Award for The Best Sugar Craft and Cold Porcelain exhibit in the show. The Port Talbot Cup for the Best Cooperative went to Ynysfach WI.The Swansea Salver, which is awarded to the WI with over 40 members scoring the most points, was won by Tir Iarll WI.

The Bridgend Salver for WIs with between 25 and 40 members was awarded to Ynysfach WI, and Penclawdd WI, with under 25 members, won the Cornelly Cup for scoring the most points in their class.

Angela Bending and her show committee were impressed by the exceptionally high standard of work. She said that the show had been a huge success and work would start on preparations for 2020 after a well-earned rest over the next few days!

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Laurence Brophy (87) cycles 874 miles for Llamau!

ON June 17, Laurence Brophy began his epic 874-mile adventure from Lands End to John O'Groats.

The 87-year-old from Pencoed set himself the challenge last year but unfortunately had to withdraw, after being struck by an infection 600-miles in. This year was to be the year Laurence completed the journey, joining the 87 club alongside keen cyclist Donald Wells, who successfully made the trip the year before.

Laurence may well hold the record for the oldest person to complete this challenge but humbly told us he's not interested in finding out whether he's older than Mr Wells. He said: "It really doesn't matter who holds the record. What does matter is that we've both successfully completed the journey at 87, so we share something special. Although I definitely hold the record for the fastest 87-year-old to complete the ride."

Laurence completed the challenge in 15 days, sleeping rough on roadsides and in public parks and gardens for 11 nights along the way.

He said: "I wanted to put myself in the shoes of a homeless person so I slept rough almost every night. Some nights when it rained it was harder than others. One night in Loch Lomond, I slept next to a road under construction, which made it very noisy and hard to sleep. I remained conscious, however; unlike someone on the streets, I had money in my pocket and a destination to cycle to the next day. Sadly, homeless people have none of those luxuries."

Through his efforts, Laurence raised over £1,000 for Llamau. "I have a personal connection because of my daughter and son-in-law plus my other daughter supports young people with learning disabilities so we've always been a family that help others. I'm thrilled to have raised so much and would like to thank everyone who donated."

Laurence Brophy from Pencoed isn't slowing down any time soon.

So what's next for Laurie? We asked whether he's ready to rest on his laurels for a while. Having completed the London marathon three times and the gruelling ultra-marathon Racing the Planet, it wouldn't hurt to take some time off, right?

"My 88th year will see me do the Three Peaks Challenge again as well as the Tour of Great Britain route on my bike, which'll include the Lands End to John O'Groats route and I'll end the year by walking the 110 mile Taff Trail (start to finish and return). I've done that in 58 hours and 15 minutes before, so that's the time to beat."

Laurence's advice to anyone considering taking up the Lands End to John O'Groats challenge?

"You have to be a certain type of crazy to try, but you should always be curious about what you can achieve. If you try it, do it because you want to. It'll get you through the tough times."

Laurence would like to thank Off Beat Bikes (Fort William) and Lack Isle Berries Bunkhouse of Tore (North of Inverness) for the kindness they showed him and his bike during his challenge.

Laurence also cycled to support Cwm Academy Football Club.

Sky Notes looks to the heavens

THE Plough lies about halfway down from overhead towards the north-western horizon, and the two pointers show the way to our Pole Star, which you will find about halfway down towards the northern horizon.

If you now cast your gaze almost overhead, you will see a much brighter star than Polaris.

This is Vega, and the brightest star in the constellation of Lyra. Vega is blueish and only two other stars in the northern hemisphere appear brighter: Sirius and Arcturus.

One reason for this is that it is quite close, being only around 25 light years away. It is also believed to have at least one planet.

Because of its brightness, it was the first star to be photographed and have its spectrum recorded.

A star's spectrum can tell us, amongst other things, if a particular chemical element is present and its abundance.

Vega's other claim to fame is way back in around 12,000BC, it was our pole star and sometime around 14,000AD it will once again have that distinction.

Both Jupiter and Saturn dominate the southern sky and should be unmistakable. However, they will be low down, close to the horizon.

Use a pair of binoculars on August 9 to see Jupiter close by the red star Antares (also known as the rival of Mars), because of its reddish hue and the Moon will guide you to Saturn, as it lies either side of the planet on the nights of August 11 and 12.

This month also heralds the return of the annual meteor shower known as the Perseids.

So-called 'shooting stars' from this shower can be seen from late July to about August 24.

However, the night of maximum (when most meteors are seen in a short space of time) is the 13th.

Unfortunately, the Moon is full on the 15th of the month and its glare will spoil things a little.

I am afraid the best time of night is after the Moon sets, around 3am.

Obviously, to see fainter meteors we need the sky to be dark as possible but the brighter meteors will be seen even with the Moon up. Just try and watch from somewhere in your garden where the Moon can be hidden behind a house or tree.

You do not require a telescope, just wrap up warm, lie down on a garden recliner or similar and watch the sky.

Any part of your sky will do, and if you can see Vega, this will be ideal.

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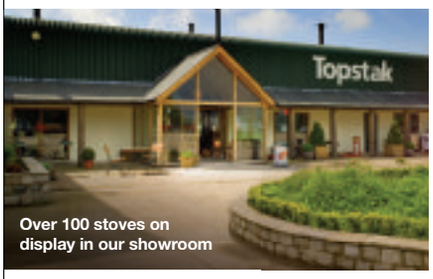

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Airport welcomes world cup teams

CARDIFF Airport has welcomed 18 teams to Wales, arriving from countries around the world ahead of the Homeless World Cup, which takes place in the capital city between July 27 and August 3.

International teams and groups of volunteers from countries as far as Australia, South Korea, Mexico and Chile connected at key hubs and flew into Cardiff on scheduled flights.

Deb Bowen Rees, CEO of Cardiff Airport, said: "This event is going to be so exciting for Wales, and we're delighted that many of the teams are able to benefit from the connectivity offered by our airlines, particularly KLM and Qatar Airways. Cardiff is a proud sporting city, having hosted major events in the past like the Champions League Final 2017.

"This event is a real opportunity for Cardiff to play its part and support the excellent work delivered by the Homeless World Cup Foundation, and at Cardiff Airport our team are very much looking forward to extending a warm, Welsh welcome to our international visitors when they touch down in Wales."

Harp group on Cloud Nine

LLANTWIT Major group HarpingOn were celebrating after performing 'Cloud Nine' at a coffee morning.

The music was written by Herefordshire composer and harp teacher Helen Barley, when she came to give a workshop earlier this year and composed a second piece named Rocky Beach. The music was published a few weeks ago and Helen requested that the premier performance take place in Llantwit. The group raised £150 at coffee morning which will go to buy a small harp to be given to Major Music. The group has been playing together for four years and look forward to learning Rocky Beach!

Sue Banks

Global Trek Aviation opens at Cardiff Airport

GLOBAL Trek Aviation recently opened its brand new Executive Jet Centre, based at Cardiff Airport - the second location in the next phase of its expansion.

The established Fixed Base Operator (FBO) which specialises in world-class aircraft handling, has based its second location on Cardiff Airport's airfield, providing a wealth of specialist air handling services from its new facility.

With a busy and successful operation already established at Belfast International Airport, Global Trek has chosen to invest in Wales as its second location in response to Cardiff Airport's ambitious plans.

David McColm, managing director of Global Trek Aviation, said: "Cardiff Airport was identified as an ideal location, we saw the tremendous potential of the site from the outset and it fits well with our ambitious strategic plans for the future.

"We have created jobs and invested significantly in infrastructure, equipment and staff training at the new state-of-the-art facility which includes a dedicated lounge, private offices, a crew briefing centre, flight operations facilities and an integrated security suite.

"This new multi-million pound private investment at Cardiff Airport has been operational since April and is set to drive additional traffic to the region, as well as inward investment to Wales via new business opportunities.

"We look forward to a bright future at our new Cardiff facility as we continue to strengthen our brand."

Deb Bowen Rees, CEO of Cardiff Airport, added: "A huge part of our focus for the next 20 years is to continue to explore innovative ways to diversify our business and create new business opportunities. We will continue to work hard towards achieving the Masterplan and to be a pioneering airport, making Wales proud."

Knotwood not good for gardens

Japanese Knotweed can grow up to depths of two metres and reach three metres tall.

HOMEOWNERS have been warned against the dangers of Japanese knotweed and offered five tips on how to identify it this summer.

Garden gurus from GardeningExpress.co.uk have revealed the tell-tale signs of the destructive weed so Brits can protect their homes and gardens.

Listed by the World Conservation Union as one of the world's worst invasive species, the weed's root system and rapid growth can damage concrete foundations, buildings, roads and paving.

Some UK homeowners have even been unable to sell their homes because of evidence of knotweed on the property.

Chris Bonnett from GardeningExpress.co.uk said: "Just going from its appearance, Japanese Knotweed is the kind of thing you might welcome in your hedgerow.

"To some, it can look quite attractive with its creamy white flowers and heart shaped leaves – but before you know it, it's taken hold and is eating through the walls of your house.

"Japanese knotweed is so invasive that it can grow by a metre a month and can cause damage to your home – but the trouble is it can very easily be mistaken for a shrub by a novice gardener. These tips should help

"Brits identify this pesky plant, but if you're still not sure, check online or ask an experienced gardener."

Red shoots: New shoots will start to emerge in the spring – these are red/purple and can look a bit like asparagus spears.

"The leaves are normally rolled up and dark green or red in colour.

Leaves: As the leaves start to spread out, they'll become a vibrant green colour and heart/shovel shaped with a point at the tip.

Some can be as big as 20cm across and they grow staggered at the stem.

Flowers: In late summer and early autumn, small clusters of white/cream flowers will appear.

The clusters grow to approximately 0.5cm wide but up to 10cm long.

The leaves will still be apparent and along with the flowers, it will create a dense foliage.

Stems: The stems are mostly hollow and bamboo like, with nodes and purple speckles. The general growth habit has a distinctive zigzag appearance.

Stems can also grow up to three metres tall. In the winter, the stems become brittle.

Roots/rhizome: The rhizomes are the underground part of the weed. If fresh, they will snap easily.

The outside is dark brown, and the inside is usually an orange/dark yellow colour.

The Japanese knotweed rhizome system can grow to depths of two metres and can extend up to seven metres horizontally from the plant.

As little as 0.7g of rhizome can give rise to a new plant – which is one of the reasons this weed can become such a nuisance.

Celebrities spotted in Vale

'STAR-SPOTTING' has become something of a part-time occupation in the Vale in recent weeks with the actors of Gavin and Stacey and Casualty filming locally, and TV chef James Martin shooting some of his new series on Barry seafront.

When filming took place for Gavin and Stacey dozens of people turned up at Barry Island and Trinity Street.

Less well known is that the cast of Gavin and Stacey also film at a house in Dinas Powys – where they were spotted this weekend.

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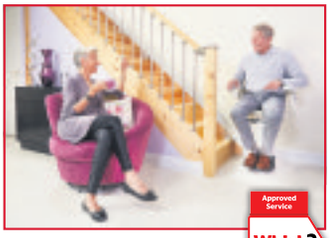

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Llantwit boys' visit to the Mother of Parliaments

The 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade visited Parliament.

SIX members and three officers from 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade joined other members of the public from Llantwit Major on a coach trip to The Palace of Westminster run by Alun Cairns MP and his staff.

Mr Cairns welcomed us on our arrival and gave a most enjoyable information session before we had a guided tour of both the House of Commons and the House of Lords.

The members learned a lot about the way Parliament operates, and saw some of the many historical wonders of this ancient monument.

We would like to thank Alun and his staff very much for the opportunity to take part in this trip.

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Ystradowen-based charity invites applications

A LOCAL charity is inviting applications from people who feel they could benefit.

The 'Manor of Talyvan Enclosure Award' in 1863 empowered the enclosure of parcels of common land in Ystradowen.

A spokesperson for the charity explained: "Three of these fields were rented to farmers via the formation of The Allotment and Recreation Ground charity, Ystradowen, managed by local church wardens.

"The Allotment and Recreation Ground Charity, Ystradowen, is governed by five trustees nominated by the community councils of Penllyn, Llanharry and Llanblethian plus one resident from both Llansannor and Ystradowen.

"Income generated from investments is distributed as a grant for either the support of recreation facilities or for persons requiring financial aid in times of distress. The area of benefit covers the old parish boundaries of Llanblethian, Llanharry, Llansannor, and Ystradowen.

"In the last few years the following projects have benefited by a contribution from this charity:

• Parish of Llanblethian: Replacing equipment at playing fields – £1,250; replacement toys for baby and toddler group – £300.

• Parish of Llanharry: Upgrading of football pitch in playing fields – £1,250; two park benches for Hazel Dene Play area – £1,250.

• Parish of Llansannor: Purchase of bowls equipment £450; upgrade to community hall lighting and AV system £1,250.

• Parish of Ystradowen: Electricity supply to new Parc Owain play area – £1,250; park benches for the petanque terrain – £1,250.

This year's grant applications should be submitted before September 30 for review and approval by the charity trustees. Further information can be obtained from the Charity Clerk at e-mail Hunters.gate2@outlook.com.

Volunteer driver will have big shoes to fill!

EVERY Thursday for the last five years, volunteer driver Paul Morris has ensured that a group of Llandough residents have been able to get out and do their own shopping.

He has collected them from their homes in an East Vale Community Transport (EVCT) minibus and taken them to supermarkets in the Bay area; has helped with shopping bags and taken them all home again.

Paul has enjoyed serving his local community and his passengers really appreciate this assistance as it is difficult for them – in some cases impossible - to get to the bus stop on the main road, and there is no direct service to the shops and supermarkets.

Sadly, Paul is unable to continue driving the EVCT minibus. Llandough Community Council organised this service many years ago and are now searching for a replacement driver, or drivers, to continue this valuable community activity. If several volunteered the job could be shared, avoiding the need for weekly commitment.

If anyone could take on the journey either regularly or occasionally, please contact the community council clerk, Paul Egan, on 01446 409294. If you know someone who could do so, please tell them about the volunteer vacancy. To drive an EVCT minibus you need to be aged between 25 and 75 and hold a clean driving licence. Training is given.

'Dementia Friendly' grants are on offer

BARRY Town Council is committed to being a Dementia Friendly Organisation, and supports the mission of Barry becoming a Dementia friendly town.

The council has launched its Dementia Friendly Project Grants, aimed at projects, services or initiatives in Barry that support those who live with dementia. Applicants must be a voluntary or community group and have a project or service in mind which will benefit those living with dementia and/or their carers and family. Organisations can apply for funding up to £1,000 and the closing date for all applications is Friday, August 30 at 4pm. Request a pack by calling (01446) 704920 or emailing *info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.*

If you would like to discuss your application first, contact Community Development Officer Robyn Walsh on (01446) 704925 or email *robynwalsh@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk.*

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Wednesday 7th August 2019	**1/Vale of Glamorgan Showground Main Access at Fonmon Castle grounds.** No right turn from the main field access/exit at grid 303747 167876 onto the B4265, this will allow only the left turn movement of vehicles from the access / exit onto the B4265. **Diversion** The diversion for West bound vehicles will be in a generally easterly direction along the B4265 to the roundabout at Penmark, then "U Turning" at this roundabout and travelling back along the B4265 2/**Fonmon Road, Fonmon.** North bound carriageway closed to all traffic from Fonmon crossroads at grid 304806 167180 to its junction at grid 305056 167844 Nurston Road **Diversion** Northbound traffic will be diverted west along Port Road to the Blue Anchor, north through Burton Terrace and Burton Bridge, then in an easterly direction along the B4265.	6.00 am to 8.00 pm 6.00am to 2.00pm

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Vale parking charges in the balance

A motion calling for the scrapping of proposed new car parking charges was defeated at the Vale Council's full meeting on Monday evening.

It left the Conservative group fuming and accusing Labour councillors of hypocrisy – and the ruling coalition group explaining that a system proposed by the previous council administration was not on the table anymore, but some "sensible" charging might be.

The Conservative motion invited councillors to scrap proposed charges because of the "devastating impact" it would have on local businesses.

Conservative group leader Cllr Vincent Bailey said: "It is deeply disappointing that the Labour Party has refused to back our motion and kick these flawed proposals for parking charges into touch. This is an issue of trust and public confidence in the new administration, and Vale residents will be stunned by the change in tone from the new leadership.

"The fact is, these proposals for parking charges would have a devastating impact on high streets across the Vale – and in particular trade on Barry Island.

"Vale Conservatives remain committed to fighting the plans and we will be working with local traders to ensure that any new strategy for parking protects the integrity of local businesses and does not act as a tax on residents."

Fellow councillor Vince Driscoll said: "What a difference a few weeks makes, when you consider how vocal some of the new cabinet members were in opposition to these charges.

"It's rank hypocrisy for Labour members to vote against this motion, having vociferously opposed car parking charges in opposition."

Local MP Alun Cairns insisted charges would damage the local economy, adding: "Four years ago, I campaigned along with residents and local businesses against Labour's attempt to start charging and we stand ready to do so again."

The current administration is now a coalition of Labour, Llantwit First Independent and Vale Independent councillors.

Vale Council Leader Cllr Neil Moore told The GEM he wouldn't rush into any decisions, but wouldn't duck them either when the time came.

He explained: "I have already made it perfectly clear that the system of charging as proposed by the previous administration will not be implemented. Indeed, a full review of the policy is already under way and will be considered fully in the near future.

"I accept that we may have to make some charges (as we do now in some areas) because it costs money to provide car parking. However, the challenge will be to make it sensible, realistic and fair for everybody and work towards cost neutrality.

"We also have to look at ways to charge visitors to the county who make no other contribution to the council.

"As I said when I took on the role of leader, this administration is not going to rush big decisions. We are not, however, going to duck them either.

"Providing first class public services costs money and with budgets continuing to be cut by national government, we have no alternative than to look to generate income.

"Where we do this, we will of course be sensible, and any charges for services proposed will be realistic.

"Cllr Bailey knows full well that there is no alternative to working in this way. While he may be willing to shirk his responsibilities to the community that elected him and see the services that we all value so highly be radically reduced or cease altogether, as leader of the council, I will not."

Cllr Moore added: "It is was also interesting to note that the Conservatives are not singing from the same hymn sheet either. On the one hand they didn't want charges at all, whereas others also called for charging in some circumstances. They can't have it both ways."

Louis Ross, who runs the Beach Hut Gift Shop and Barrybados on Barry Island, has spoken to a number of councillors in recent months about proposed charges.

He said: "I think everyone, including John Thomas (the previous Vale Leader), now knows the old administration's proposals were flawed.

"Personally, I've never been against parking charges on Barry Island as long as they are fair, realistic and locals are not targeted.

"I'm happy to give them a chance to put this right. There shouldn't be charges in the winter and there should be two hours free in the summer.

"It is about finding the right balance between local people, the traders and visitors."

Mr Ross said he had received assurances that there would be proper consultation.

Report by Tim Chapman

New school for Barry Waterfront to open by 2021

A £7.4 million new primary school will be built in Barry Waterfront and is set to open in September 2021.

Ysgol St Baruc Welsh medium primary school will move to the new building and extend its capacity from 210 places to 420 places, along with 96 nursery places.

The new school plans come as the Welsh Government aims to have one million Welsh speakers by 2050.

Currently Welsh Medium primaries in Barry are under-subscribed with a total of 295 places available, but a council report has said there would need to be "significant investment" in Welsh education in order for the council to meet Welsh Government's target.

The report says: "The proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Sant Baruc provides the council with the opportunity to increase the annual number of Welsh medium places by 30 while also placing a Welsh-medium primary school at the centre of the newly established housing development to facilitate growth within a new community."

A total of 261 people responded to a consultation on the plans – and 232 of them backed the move; only 25 opposed it.

The current Ysgol Sant Baruc has no canteen or dining facilities and there is no chance of expanding the existing school site, a consultation report stated.

The report said: "Ysgol Sant Baruc comprises a main Victorian building and a two classroom block built in the 1980s. The school is on a very confined sloping site with no prospect of substantially increasing the site to meet 21st Century schools standards.

"The school currently uses the dining facilities at the adjacent High Street Primary School as there is no catering provision at the school. In addition, the classrooms vary in size ranging from a pupil capacity of 23 to 30 children.

"The smaller size classes are too small to accommodate the schools admission number of 30 children. It is not possible to replace the school with a new build at its current location due to restricted outside space."

Plaid Cymru councillor Ian Johnson, whose ward includes the current school site, said: "We are all very pleased that the proposal for a new Ysgol Sant Baruc on the Waterfront has been agreed by the Vale Council, and look forward to its opening in Autumn 2021.

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A warm welcome to the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Show from chairman Lyn Price

ON behalf of the you to join us at which will be held show committee, I the 2019 Vale of in Fonmon Castle would like to invite Glamorgan show, grounds.

I have the honour of fulfilling the role of Show Chairman again this year, which is a true privilege.

I would like to welcome this year's Show President, Mr Wayne Griffiths. Wayne has been a great friend to the show and has made a tremendous contribution to the show over many years.

We would like to congratulate Wayne on his election as the 2019 Show President; we do hope that he has an enjoyable day.

This year's show really does have something for everyone – we have livestock, horses, show jumping, hundreds of trade stands, the shopping mall, craft marquee, home produce competitions, a huge dog show, a busy programme of entertainment and the return of the rabbit show.

As the countryside ring programme continues to expand, we are introducing new and exciting things.

This year, we have an amazing motorbike display from the Jez Avery Stunt Show, the renowned Sheep Show will be performing throughout the day and we will have a sheep dog demonstration in the ring.

There will be more agricultural demonstrations again this year with some really impressive machinery on display. We are so pleased to see this feature growing year on year – it showcases what we do.

The programme will culminate in a polocrosse match, the hunt scurry and finally the Maendy YFC challenge.

The Vale of Glamorgan show is one of the biggest and best one-day shows there is. This is only made possible by the dedication and hard work of the show committee, their families and friends and the support of the sponsors, exhibitors, judges, stewards and competitors that make the day such a success.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to our General Secretary, Mrs Sarah Fenner, and the Show Director, Mr John Hanks, who have worked tirelessly to get the show ground ready, without them there would be no show.

We hope that you have an enjoyable day at the show on Wednesday, August 7.

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Unmissable highlights of the show

Things to see at this year's show

Jez Avery Stunt Show

Jez Avery's family go back to the original era of two-wheeled stunt riding.

He is a world class PRO BMX, trials and mountain bike rider turned stunt-show performer, He is an extremely experienced and a well-rounded stuntman with numerous Guinness World Records under his belt throughout an inspiring career, and with numerous TV and magazine appearances, Jez Avery will amaze and entertain the audience

The Sheep Show

This unique show has captured the hearts of many.

The New Zealand style team of presenters educate and entertain, taking their fantastic sheep all over the country. '

Nobby' the Norfolk Horn stands centre stage while others are introduced to their podiums. We learn about each breed's attributes and how wool from the sheep's back becomes a jumper to wear. The shearing demonstration will have the audience captivated.

The 30-minute show will be on four times during the day and is highly entertaining and extremely informative, a rare combination. The highlight of the show is the "The sheep show Hustle. Dancing sheep!!

Polocrosse

Welsh Dragons Polocrosse Club is delighted to be playing at the Vale Show again this year. The club works closely with Pony Club and many of our riders are from local clubs Llangeinor and Dinas Powis. Polocrosse is an exciting equine sport which at its highest level requires advanced riding skills and nerves of steel; the pace is fast and furious. It's a mixture of polo and lacrosse with a touch of rugby thrown in.

Polocrosse is played by a team of riders who change pace and direction in an instant while under attack by the opposition.

Divided into six chukkas, the game is played with a racquet, the ball thrown in to a line out. The ball passes from player to player or is picked up from the ground until a goal is scored.

Players fight for possession by attempting to hit it out of the racquet of the opponent. Sounds simple but this is performed at a gallop on a field about the size of a football pitch. It is a riveting spectator sport, whether you are interested in horses or not.

The real stars are of course the horses whose speed, agility and beauty always steal the show!

Horticulture

The dedication and hard work of our gardeners never ceases to amaze. This year plans to be another bumper show with entries from all over the UK.

We are expecting an amazing display of flowers from dahlias, roses, gladioli plus many more.

There will be vegetables of all shapes and sizes from giant pumpkins, marrow, cucumbers you have to see it to believe the sheer size of these monster vegetables.

There will also be on display the show-stopping Border Vale class, these are some of the best top class quality vegetables you will see.

The children's class always has a great display every year, with outstanding displays of creativity and skills with miniature gardens, drawings, and animations of animals. It's great fun to see. There is something for everyone in the Horticultural Marquee. Please come along and be part of the biggest day in the Vale.

Home produce

Well, it is that time of year again when we invite the people of the Vale and surrounding areas to once again enter the many and varied home produce competitions.

We wish to thank most sincerely those who competed last year, and in the years before and also to welcome new competitors to the show.

As usual, the schedule caters for many diverse skills; preserve making, cookery, flower arranging, and art and crafts. There is a separate section for children as well where they can put their own ideas into practice.

These are split into three age groups. We will be running a raffle, the prizes for which are donated by the ladies of the committee. This year, the proceeds will be donated to the Kidney Wales Foundation, Cardiff.

The schedules for all competitions can be found at www.valeofglamorganshow.co.uk or from Mrs Janet Lewis 01443 225202. Entries close on August 5. So ladies and gentleman, let's give it a go and show the visitors to the Home Produce marquee what you can do! Remember winning is not final, losing is not the end!

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A message from the President of the Vale of Glamorgan Show Wayne Griffiths

THE Vale of Glamorgan show will be held on Wednesday, August 7, at the beautiful setting of Fonmon Castle Park and Wayne Griffiths, Managing Director of Nathaniel Cars will be the President of the show this year.

Nathaniel Cars has been a great supporter and main sponsor of the show for many years and Wayne Griffiths was surprised but honoured when he was asked to take on the role of President for the 2019 show.

He said: "Nathaniel Cars is a family business and we like to support local events – and the Vale of Glamorgan show is a unique event and probably the best one-day agricultural show in Wales!

"Even though it is still traditionally an agricultural show, it has something for everyone, old and young alike. Not only will there be a great display of livestock at the show, but visitors can enjoy the day browsing the trade stands, craft fair, horticultural marquee, shopping mall, food court etc.

"Plus, there are always many fantastic displays taking place in the main ring throughout the day, including the "Jez Avery Stunt Show", the Sheep Show and Polocrosse demonstration games this year!

"The show has grown over the years and this is down to the hard work and dedication of the show committee and all their supporters – no one can appreciate the number of hours everyone puts in behind the scenes to ensure the showground is ready for that one day in August.

"A special mention must go to the Show Director John Hanks, Chairman Lynn Price and General Secretary Sarah Fenner, who work tirelessly to ensure the show is a great success and continues to go from strength to strength.

"It is a great honour to be the president of the Vale of Glamorgan Show this year and I am looking forward to carrying out my duties on the day, as well as meeting old and new friends at the show again this year!"

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The Food Court will once again be the must do destination on the show field, especially for families.

As well as offering cooked food, drinks and a wide range of artisan produce to browse over and buy, there will be play activities run by the Vale Council play development team. There is ample seating in the form of hay bales, picnic tables and deck chairs, so you can sit or browse the huge range of produce while the children enjoy the numerous activities.

Regular show goers will be used to the usual fast food on the show fields. You can venture into the Food Court where you will be able to choose from a vast range of delicious locally produced goodies.

To whet your appetites, there will be pork rolls, roast beef rolls, vegetarian, duck and game burgers, organic beef burgers, as well as tea, coffee, elderflower cordial and ice cream.

Add to that artisan cheeses, charcuterie, preserves, local cider, gin, whiskey and liqueurs, wines, cakes, brownies, shortbread, fudge, marshmallows, sourdough bread, vegetables, herb-infused vinegars, oils, olives, pork pies and sausage rolls. I think it's safe to say there will be something for everyone! Every producer is from within Wales and the majority within 30 miles of the show field.

So, when you have watched the main ring attractions, admired the giant veg and machinery, make your way to the Food Court, for a sit down and a bite to eat. The producers look forward to welcoming you on show day.

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Rabbit show's second year will be better than ever

THE Rabbit show was new in 2018, was a great hit with the public, and will be bigger and better this year

The South Wales Rabbit Club was established in the early 1970s. It is one of the many rabbit clubs affiliated to the governing body, the British Rabbit Council (BRC).

The main aim of the club is to promote the ethical breeding and exhibiting of show rabbits, to promote rabbit welfare and husbandry, and to aid and inform new rabbit owners with their beloved pets.

We at the club are all members of the BRC and our rabbits are important family members.

The SWRC meets regularly throughout the year. We hold two shows in Castleton, near Cardiff, and also run the rabbit section at the Usk Agricultural section.

Anyone who shows rabbits must be a full BRC member, with the rabbits being registered to them alone.

Rabbit breeds are split into four sections; Fancy, Lops, Fur and Rex. All of the breeds have a specific breed standard they have to adhere to and each standard is marked out of 100 points. The judges will be looking for the rabbit that best matches their standard, to secure that elusive first prize.

The judge assesses the coat quality, the colour, the pattern, the type (shape) of the rabbit, and the overall presentation and condition. The overall winner of each of the four sections then goes onto compete for the Best in Show prize.

It is a wonderful hobby and one that has existed for over 100 years. There is no money in it; it is purely for the love of the breed.

Our judge this year is Rebekah Couch from Skewen.

We are delighted to be in attendance at the Vale Show this year. Please come and chat to the exhibitors, as we all enjoy a good chat! We can help with any rabbit-related queries or questions you may have, from keeping rabbits, together to vaccinating against RHD2.

If you would like any further information, please feel free to contact the section secretary, Donna Nicholson (telephone 02920 634903).

Welcome to the land of the giants where record breakers beckon

THE Horticultural Marquee is a real show stopper and not to be missed at the Vale Of Glamorgan Show.

vegetables you will see. The Marquee is full of colour with beautiful dahlias, gladioli, flowers displays and vegetables of all colours and varieties.

Come along and see the 'Land of the Giant' with giant vegetables of all shapes and sizes and hopefully some world record breakers.

Year after year the Horticultural Marquee is getting entries from all over the UK, as well as local growers, with some of the best quality of flowers and

The children's section is full of imaginative creations where the children can use their creativity and skills with amazing entries from children of all ages. This year we have exciting new themes which I can't wait to see.

If you would like to be part of this great show please get in touch with Gail on 07976 935223. I look forward to seeing you at the show.

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Smallholders support show

One of the most popular stalls in the Vale of Glamorgan Show in recent years has been the Glamorgan Smallholders. It's a great place to drop by, as the smallholders are happy to share their experience and enthusiasm with members of the public, and have plenty of advice about running your own small venture – whether that's for fun or for profit!

Successful dog show attracts competitors from all over the country

AUGUST is now here and the highlight of the month is the Vale of Glamorgan Agricultural Society show and my role, along with my wife, is to organise the Dog Show writes dog show secretary Peter Pask.

Over the years, the show has gone from strength to strength and is now undoubtedly one of the leading dog shows in conjunction with an agricultural show in Wales.

The support for this show comes from exhibitors who live in many parts of Great Britain as well as from Wales. This year, we are hoping the removal of the Prince of Wales Bridge tolls will impact favourably on the number of exhibitors attending.

This show is a stage for Kennel Club registered dog breeds and you will find Hounds, Toy Breeds, Working Breeds, Gundog Breeds, Utility Breeds, Pastoral Breeds and finally Terrier breeds in attendance.

The organisers are pleased to encourage spectators to come along and watch the judging, speak to the exhibitors who are not in the rings and put any of their questions to the dog show officials – no query is too small and we will do our best to answer them.

Who knows, it could result in new entrants to the dog showing fraternity, where lifelong friendships are formed with people from all over the country.

This dog show, it must be said, has some of the best facilities for dogs in Wales with superb wet weather accommodation and beautiful grass exhibition rings which have almost a bowling green finish.

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The 'Cows on Tour' show has been running for some years now, organised by Abi Reader of the Glamorgan NFU, and the team visit schools to let children know how their milk is produced. They are pictured above, by Glyn Evans, at the recent Royal Welsh Show.

Catch the bus to the Vale Show

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From Cowbridge, buses start at 9am, and will leave hourly until 1pm. The next is at 2.30pm, at which point it goes back to hourly.

The buses travel through Llantwit Major and St Athan.

From Barry Town Centre, buses travel at the same times as above for Cowbridge, and go though Park Crescent, Waycock Cross and Rhoose.

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Penarth Probus Club holds its summer lunch

THE Men's Probus Club of Penarth held its annual summer lunch at the Wenvoe Castle Golf Club on July 25.

Thanks go to our events organiser, Hugh Morris, who once again made sure that everyone had a grand time and got their personal choice from the varied menu. Hugh works tirelessly in organising our many trips and functions throughout the year.

The next meeting of the club will be held on Tuesday, August 20 with a talk by Simon Rees. The topic will be: 'The Lute and Art'.

The next visit for members and their guests will be a narrow boat trip on the Brecon Canal followed by lunch in Brecon on Thursday, September 5.

New members are always welcome to join Probus. It is open to both retired and semi-retired men of any age; the meetings are normally held the third Tuesday of the month at the Sports and Social Club, South Road, Sully.

The club meets at 10am for a 10.30am start with guest speakers on varied topics of interest, light refreshments are provided and meetings finish before 12pm. There are also occasional visits to places of interest and special lunches at various times of the year.

Anyone interested in joining Probus should contact Gareth Price on 02920 532 793.

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Staff assaults are on the rise in local hospitals

ABUSE in Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan hospitals is on the rise, as almost 1,000 NHS staff are being physically assaulted every year.

A total of 977 incidents of physical assault involving nurses, healthcare support workers or nursing assistants were recorded by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board in 2018-19. There were a further 348 incidents where staff were threatened with physical violence and 63 instances of psychological abuse, including bullying and harrassment. Staff were also verbally abused 468 times, racially abused 34 times and sexually abused – including harassment and indecent exposure – a total of 35 times, according to health board records.

Instances of physical and verbal abuse of Cardiff and Vale NHS staff had risen from 2017-18 when there were 931 physical assaults and 454 incidents of verbal abuse recorded.

The health board said most recorded events were related to patient medical conditions with some within mental health and elderly wards related to dementia. There is ongoing work to provide patient warning markers on dementia wards to minimise this.

The Royal College of Nursing (RCN) says it is aware of an increase of harassment and abuse towards its members. Helen Whyley, director of RCN Wales, said: "We are aware that harassment and abuse from members of the public and patients continues to increase in Wales according to the latest NHS Wales Staff Survey. The health boards have a responsibility to ensure a zero-tolerance policy is in place to prevent abuse of their staff. Staff must feel that they are fully supported when reporting incidents of harassment and violence."

Last year a new law came into force which doubled the maximum sentence from six to 12 months in prison for assaulting an emergency worker. The RCN said it is "closely monitoring" the effects of the new law, which also says courts must consider the strongest penalties for other offences against emergency workers such as GBH and sexual assault.

In 2018-19, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board spent £1,203,000 on staff costs for its security teams which includes employing security guards, and management and administrative support. The health board also said the security team has "a much wider role" than just dealing with incidents of staff abuse and there had been a 23 per cent reduction in the number of incidents during the past five years compared to the previous five years. A spokeswoman said: "There is a case manager who provides support to sta. In the emergency unit, we were recording more than three events per week and had more than 30 lost time incidents per year. The unit is now averaging one assault every three weeks and no lost time events over the year."

Historic day for Welsh Medium Education in Barry

RHAG (Rhieni dros Addysg Gymraeg) has congratulated the Vale Council on an important decision to open a Welsh medium school as part of the Waterfront development in Barry.

This comes as cabinet today approved the implementation of a proposal to increase Welsh medium primary provision in Barry, by increasing the capacity of Ysgol Sant Baruc from 210 places to 420 places and transferring staff and pupils from the existing site to a new school built as part of the Waterfront development, in September 2021.

Mark Bowen on behalf of the Vale of Glamorgan RhAG said: "We have long campaigned in support of the proposal to move Ysgol Sant Baruc to the Waterfront and warmly welcome today's Cabinet announcement.

"This is a very significant decision in the growth of Welsh medium education in the region, showing how it can be a central building block in new large housing developments.

"This ensures that all children in Barry are within walking distance of a Welsh medium primary school, including the children of Barry Island, for the first time ever.

"We thank the Vale of Glamorgan Council's Cabinet for their vision: it is a very good day for Ysgol Sant Baruc and for the future of the Welsh language in Barry."

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MAE RhAG wedi llongyfarch Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ar benderfyniad holl bwysig i agor ysgol Gymraeg fel rhan o ddatblygiad y Glannau, yn y Barri.

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Meddai Mark Bowen ar ran RhAG Bro Morgannwg,

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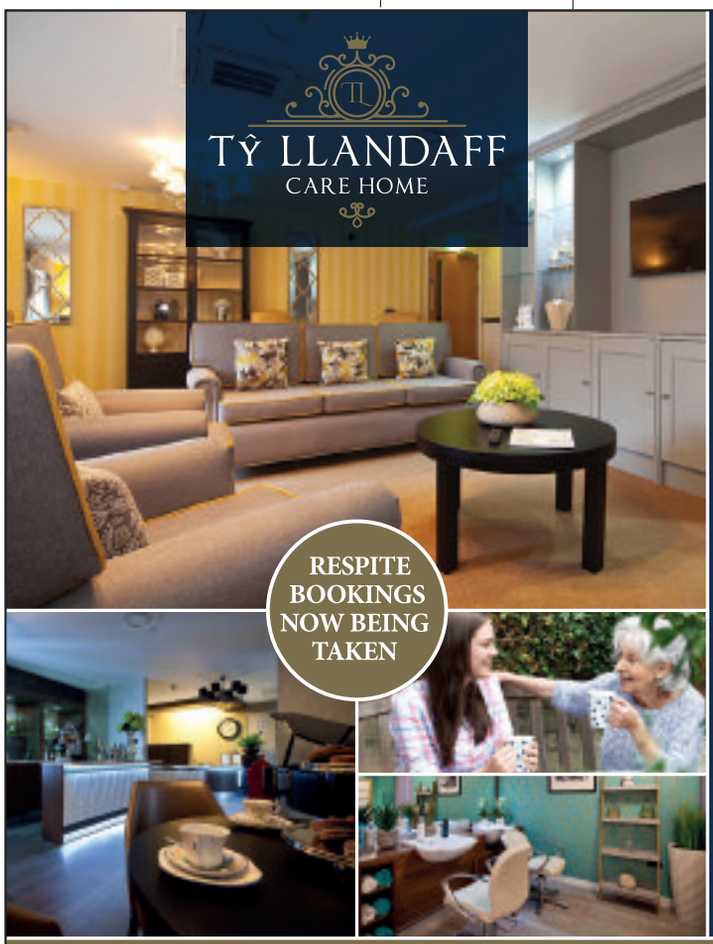
"Bydd hyn yn caniatáu i Ysgol Sant Baruc gael ei adleoli i adeilad sy'n addas a phwrpasol ac yn sicrhau bod holl blant y Barri o fewn pellter cerdded ysgol gynradd Gymraeg, gan gynnwys plant Ynys y Barri, a hynny am y tro cyntaf erioed.

"Rydym yn diolch i Gabinet Cyngor Bro Morgannwg am eu gweledigaeth: mae'n ddiwrnod da iawn i Ysgol Sant Baruc ac i ddyfodol yr iaith Gymraeg yn Y Barri."



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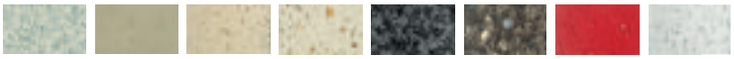

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Looking back at a brilliant day at Barry's Duck Race

A GREAT deal of positive feedback has been received following the Rotary Club of Barry's Charity Duck Race and summer fete in the Knap Gardens on July 20, from the general public and many organisations who took part, a spokesperson reports.

Rotary District Governor Peter Hamilton said it was a fantastic effort which was professional and totally community focused and he thought that the media coverage in The GEM was the icing on the cake!

Early indications are that the event has raised over £3,000 which will be used to support local good causes. Event organisers, president David Jakeway and his wife Lynne were delighted and the Rotary Club of Barry wish to thank everyone who supported it in so many ways.

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"The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

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Design service is available for local groups

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) operates a photocopying and design service for community groups operating in the Vale of Glamorgan.

The service has gone from strength to strength with over 200 print and design jobs completed in the last year. GVS undertakes a multitude of design jobs which include pull up banners, PVC banners, certificates, business cards, posters, fliers, newsletters, window stickers (decals) and programmes.

GVS recently undertook a rebranding exercise for Valeways, a local group for the maintenance, protection, preservation and promotion of public rights of way in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Carolyn Gully, Valeways said: "This was an excellent rebranding of publicity material for the Walking Festival.

"GVS talked us through the design and nothing was too much trouble. All our requests were accommodated and handled in a very professional manner."

If you would like further information on the many services GVS has to offer community groups and charities, contact Mark Stillman on 01446 741706; email enquiries@gvs.wales, or visit the GVS website – www.gvs.wales.

Day centre closure threat

ST John's Day Centre on Barry Island, which provides a six-day-a-week service for up to 14 older people with dementia in mid and eastern Vale of Glamorgan, could stop its service as the council looks to save money.

The council is considering transferring the services at St John's to Rondel House in Barry, which currently caters for 25 older people and people with dementia.It is estimated the council would save £50,000 by transferring the services from St John's.

A council report said: "The Rondel House building has recently been refurbished and offers a pleasant and functional space for over 40 people per day. Additionally, the building could be used to support local community groups in the evenings and weekends.

"The facility at St Johns' Church on Barry Island does not have the space or facility for the increased numbers that a single day centre would require."

A consultation at both day centres will be launched by the council.The new service at Rondel House would be either run by the council's adult services or the Carer's Trust, the current operator of St John's.

Matt Discombe

Growth in equity release market

THERE was strong growth in lending by equity release firms and other specialist mortgage lenders last year, as the demand for later life borrowing increases, according to trade association UK Finance.

In a blog on its website, it said gross mortgage lending totalled £268 billion last year, up 3% on 2017.

Patterns of borrower incomes have become more complicated, it said, partly driven by a growth in people being self-employed, as well as an ageing population with more people working for longer.

The blog said: "In this changing environment, lenders who have more bespoke, often manual, underwriting processes are well placed to help these customers."

UK Finance's figures show lending by equity release specialists increased by £800 million between 2017 and 2018.

And its figures relating to older borrowers show 78,514 new residential loans were made to borrowers aged over 55 last year, with 42,866 new equity release loans made to this age group.

Equity release covers a range of products which allow people to access the equity - or money - tied up in their home.

But while an immediate cash boost could be useful in some situations, there are important longer-term factors to consider.

For example, borrowers may find they might not be able to rely on their property for money needed in retirement, or that they will have less than they wanted to pass on as an inheritance.

Borrowers may want to take independent financial advice when weighing up their options.

UK Finance said that, in a sign of growing competition for borrowers' business generally, 70 lenders each provided more than £50 million of mortgage lending to home owners and landlords in 2018, up from 65 lenders the year before.

Lloyds Banking Group remained the UK's biggest mortgage lender last year, followed by Nationwide Building Society in second place.

The blog, written by UK Finance analyst Callum Bilbe said: "Lenders have seen a higher demand for mortgages from older borrowers in the last few years, extending their maximum age criteria and adapting underwriting for those whose income in later life is more complex.

"This has facilitated a competitive and expanding mainstream later life lending market.

"This is also evident within the equity release mortgage market, where we continue to see strong growth.

"This is driven in part by investment from firms in the life and pensions space, for whom the long-term income stream from equity release mortgages aligns well with their liabilities."

New life brought to area's oldest pub

NEW life has been breathed into south Wales' oldest pub following a three-year renovation supported by Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking.

Dating back to the 12th century, the former Old House Inn in Llangynwyd has re-opened as a 120-seat wedding venue under the ownership of property developer and publican Steffan Jones.

The newly refurbished pub, now known as The Old House 1147, will also continue to serve in its traditional function as a bar and restaurant.

After acquiring the site in October 2016, Steffan and his father Jeff spent three years restoring the pub to its former glory. The Jones family has held a relationship with Lloyds Bank for more than 30 years, including a £150k refinancing of its construction business, SSJ Rentals, to support the seven-figure restoration.

The project includes a modern extension to the building that has helped the business expand its dining capacity by 50 per cent to more than 180 covers.

Phase one of the renovation is now complete, including the bar, restaurant and two kitchens. However, plans are in place for further development that will create seven boutique rooms for holidaymakers, which Lloyds Bank is supporting with additional funding.

Steffan Jones, owner of The Old House 1147, said: "This pub has always been popular but it needed a lot of modernisation to ensure it was a fitting destination for people visiting and staying in the stunning Llynfi Valley setting.

"It's a true privilege and great encouragement to see people enjoying it again as we look to build out our marquee wedding and boutique hotel businesses in the future.

"Lloyds Bank has been by the side of my family as long as I can remember.

Their flexibility has been invaluable not only in ensuring the smooth progress of the project but also in enabling us to achieve what we wanted for a pub with such high cultural value in South Wales."

Daniel Phillips, relationship manager at Lloyds Bank Commercial Banking, said: "The re-opening of The Old House 1147 is the result of years of hard work and dedication from Steffan and his family.

As well as raising significant funding, they've delivered the majority of the renovation work themselves while meeting the government's heritage standards for such a historic building.

"We're looking forward to supporting the future growth of the business as part of our commitment to help Britain prosper, which has seen us pledge £1.1 billion to support Welsh businesses this year."

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Out & About with The GEM

What's on this week in your local cinema? Reviews by Damon Smith

DAMON Smith reviews the latest releases. This week: Dwayne Johnson and Jason Statham flex their muscles in (un)friendly rivalry to take down Idris Elba's arch villain in the turbo-charged action thriller FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW... and birds of a feather fret together in the computer-animated sequel THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2.

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2 (U, 97 mins) Animation/Adventure/Comedy/Drama/Romance. Featuring the voices of Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Danny McBride, Rachel Bloom, Bill Hader, Leslie Jones, Awkwafina, Tiffany Haddish, Peter Dinklage.

Directed by Thurop Van Orman and John Rice, computer-animated caper The Angry Birds Movie 2 feathers its nest with an achingly predictable journey of self-discovery and timely lessons about collaboration and acceptance across the cultural divide.

While the original film, released in 2016, felt like a glossy promotional tool for the puzzle-oriented games created by Finnish company Rovio Entertainment, the sequel has the freedom to invent its own stories and colourful supporting characters.

It's disappointing that the screenwriters don't seize this opportunity and instead rely on obvious visual gags (a flashback to a Flockbusters video store) to embellish a linear narrative that lacks dramatic tension or jeopardy, even when cute birds are being pelted with balls of molten lava.

The script seldom plays to the strengths of a starry cast of gifted comic performers including new arrivals Awkwafina, Tiffany Haddish and Leslie Jones, and they respond with muted vocal performances that barely take flight.

Throwaway interludes involving a trio of fluffy hatchlings on the hunt for three wayward eggs are cast in the same mould as the Minions in Despicable Me and Scrat in Ice Age, with an unexpectedly dark pay-off involving a slumbering "boa constructor".

Residents of Bird Island and Pig Island are locked in a war of attrition and pranks.Feathered heroes use a giant slingshot to propel a bottle of hot sauce across the sea that separates the two communities and their porcine adversaries retaliate by dropping hundreds of angry crabs from a flotilla of airships.

Red (voiced by Jason Sudeikis), speedy livewire Chuck (Josh Gad) and self-combusting worry-wart Bomb (Danny McBride) spearhead the birds' efforts to stay one cluck ahead of the pigs' rotund leader, Leonard (Bill Hader), and his second-in-command Courtney (Awkwafina).

These frenemies are shocked to discover the existence of a third colony, the frozen wasteland of Eagle Island, where embittered ruler Zeta (Jones) and her daughter Debbie (Haddish) are plotting to overthrow birds and pigs using a steam-powered superweapon.

"We need to put our differences aside and work together," Leonard implores the birds.

Consequently, Red assembles a crack team for a daring mission to Eagle Island, which includes Chuck's inventor sister Silver (Rachel Bloom) and Mighty Eagle (Peter Dinklage), who has good reason to fear Zeta's wrath.

The Angry Birds Movie 2 is punctuated sparingly with broad slapstick like Bomb's hilarious attempt to sneak unnoticed past eagle guards but there are noticeably fewer giggles than the first film.

Visuals are gleefully saturated with retina-straining colour and co-directors Van Orman and Rice deliver outlandish set-pieces with gusto including a deranged breakdance battle to Harold Faltermeyer's electronic instrumental Axel F and the hunt for a security pass that culminates in a hysterically awkward encounter at a urinal.

For once, toilet humour is the height of comic sophistication.

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Theatre – Kinky Boots at the WMC, Cardiff

TIME was when a successful London show would go out on tour and cut a few corners but, if the production of *Kinky Boots* at the Wales Millennium Centre until August 3 is any guide, those days are over, *writes Philip Irwin*.

It has a strong cast, with Kayi Ushe quite brilliant as the flamboyant drag queen, Lola. On top of that, it features a full blown set, which moves from the factory floor to the catwalk with great ingenuity.

It's a big feel good showand Cyndi Lauper's music sweeps you along, going from rousing anthems to high energy disco, with a few gentler, more reflective ones to change the pace.

The audience were totally engaged, clapping throughout and giving the cast a standing ovation. It's unquestionably a great evening out.

Kayi Ushe has a huge range, and his final number is a massive, Celine Dion type belter – with an ending that is full of pathos. But he also has to dig into his childhood, and his struggle to come to terms with a father who could never understand him.

Joel Jackson-Harper plays Charlie, the owner of the struggling shoe factory who is persuaded to diversify into making extravagant kinky boots, and has a confident stage presence. He worked really well with Kayi, singing the tender duet, 'Not My Father's Son'.

Paula Lane, as Lauren, Charlie's love interest, was sparky, witty, moved well and handled her songs with panache.

All in all, Kinky Boots is an uplifting, exuberant and lavishly produced evening of music and feel good drama.

Ladies' Night at Pontcanna care home

A CARE home in Pontcanna will be opening its doors to the public for a very special Ladies' Night on Wednesday, August 7.

Tŷ Llandaff residential and respite care home in Conway Road is hoping to raise money for the home's dementia fund. Members of the community are invited to drop in between 5pm and 9pm for the ladies' evening, at £5 per ticket and includes a whole host of treats. Champagne and canapés will be offered throughout the evening with a manicure or pedicure by qualified staff, making this a 'night not to be missed'. Staff at Tŷ Llandaff are hoping it will encourage more people to visit the home, allowing residents to socialise while giving guests the chance the chance to see 'what life is really like at the home'.

The Ladies' Night is just one of the many social evenings organised by the home by Tŷ Llandaff activities co-ordinator Melanie Geoghegan.

Service manager Lisa Cristina said: "At Tŷ Llandaff, it's important to us that our residents have regular social events to look forward to as it gives them a chance to meet people from Pontcanna and the surrounding areas. Our priority is to ensure our residents are cared for and enjoy living at the home, with plenty of mental and social stimulation through our excellent activities programme. The Ladies' Night is an opportunity to raise funds for the residents' fund, which we can put towards more trips and days out for them. It's not to be missed."

Call Lisa on 02920 600 100, email info@tyllandaffcare.com or visit www.tyllandaff-care.com.

Walking, music, litter picking and geology.. What's on and where in your area

Valeways Walks

ON Thursday, August 1 at 10.30am the Living With Cancer Strollers will meet at the visitor centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

On Friday, August 2 meet at The Six Bells, Penmark for Trains, Boats and Planes at 10am.

On Friday, August 2 meet at 10am at the cafe car park in Porthkerry Country Park for a Wellbeing Walk.

On Sunday, August 4 meet at 2pm in the lay-by by the bridge in Peterston super Ely for a Seven Counties View.

On Wednesday, August 7 the Coffee Shop Strollers of Barry meet at 10.30am in the Bron y Mor car park at Cold Knap, Barry.

The same day, the Coffee Shop Strollers of Cowbridge meet at 2.30pm by the Physic Garden fountain in Cowbridge.

On Thursday, August 8 at 2.30pm the Coffee Shop Strollers of Penarth meet in the cliff top cafe car park in Penarth.

Litter Pick

THE Love Cowbridge/Hate Litter group will be doing their next litter pick on Sunday, August 4 from 10am to 11am.

Meet behind the Town Hall at 10am for the issue of kit; volunteers always welcome.

Friends of the Earth

THE next meeting of Barry & Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, August 6 at 7.30pm in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Beach hut fundraiser

ON Friday, August 9 members of Merthyr Dyfan Church are renting beach hut number 8 on Barry Island between 10am and 4pm.

Rev Robert Parrish, team vicar at Merthyr Dyfan said: "We will be providing tea/coffee/squash for passers-by. Any donations will be split equally between Ty Hafan and Merthyr Dyfan Church repair fund. We need to renew the roof due to stone throwers and the ravages of nature."

Home-made cakes will also be on sale on the day.

RNIB Cymru

IF you would like to meet other young people who are blind or partially sighted living in the Vale of Glamorgan, come along to the YMCA Hub Café, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4EE from 10am until 12pm on Friday, August 16.

Friends, family and carers also very welcome. We would like to start a regular social group for people 18 – 50 with sight loss, so please get in touch if you are interested!

Contact Eleanor Rothwell for more information on 07702 821915.

'Be a Geologist' Day

TURN up any time to get help with fossil hunting, or to participate in a mini field trip and find out more about the rocks and landscapes that surround Penarth.

See what's in the loose rocks along the beach and help interpret your surroundings. Call Cindy Howells on 029 2057 3354 for more details.

Cadstock

BARRY'S Cadstock festival takes place at Victoria Park on August 17 and August 18.

It's a free event and more than 5,000 people are expected to attend. A spokesman said: "It's the 10th anniversary of the event and five bands will play each day from 1pm to 7pm.

People can take their own food and drinks, but there will be hot food supplied at on the day by the Friends of Victoria Park and Barry Round Table.

Llancarfan Village Show

LLANCARFAN show takes place on Saturday, August 17 in Llancarfan Village Hall, St Cadoc's Church, Llancarfan and an adjacent marquee.

Schedule of classes available from Sue Taylor (01446 781453) and Ann Ferris (01446 781350). Entries from all areas are welcome. Doors open at 2.30pm for viewing entries and visiting the stalls.

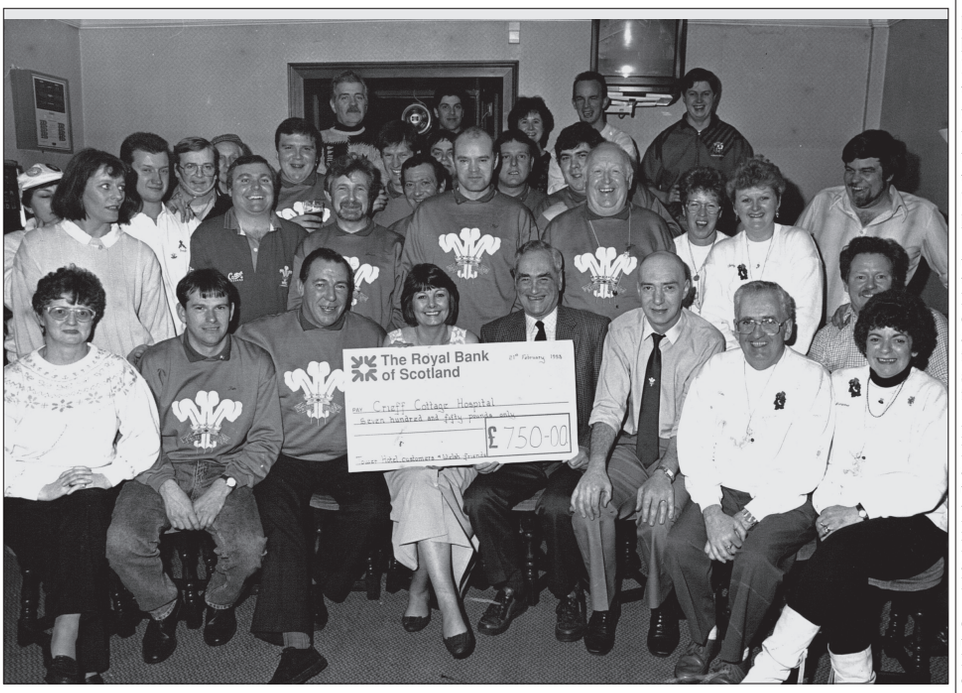
PACT meetings

COME along to Gibbonsdown 'Cuppa with a Copper' which is held every Monday morning at the Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close between 10am and 12 noon.

A police surgery will be held at Victoria Park Community Room on Thursday, August 22 between 2pm and 4pm.

A coffee & chat will be held at Cobbles Restaurant, Ogmore By Sea on Tuesday, August 27 at 11am.

The (rugby) ties that bind two towns – in Wales and Scotland.



A social event in (we think) Scotland in 1988, just one stop on a rugby-based friendship that has lasted for over 40 years.

APART from having the same initial letter, and both being market towns, what do Crieff and Cowbridge have in common?

The answer is rugby, because every year, when Wales play Scotland, each town hosts welcome visitors from the other who are following their national side.

The relationship started when it was the Five Nations Championship, and continued when it became six nations.

For some Cowbridge folk, Crieff outweighs the seductive charms of Paris, and Crieff rugby fans will always choose Cowbridge over Rome!

The picture (above) was sent to The GEM by Tom Handy from Crieff, who told The GEM: "As I recall, it all started in the early 1970s, and continues right to the present day, with at least a dozen travellers heading to Cowbridge or to Crieff.

"They are long weekends, very social and absolutely hectic but great fun."

According to Tom, the rugby fans from each town have fallen for the charms of their respective areas, and many people now visit all year round.

He said: "Over the years, our Welsh friends would come to us for their summer holidays, just as we still do with them.

"There will even be visitors coming next month to the Highland Games!"

The photograph was taken after a social event raised £750 for Crieff New Cottage Hospital. Tom says it was suggested by the Welsh contingent!

Tom is a little hazy about who is who in the picture, but he is quite sure that he and his wife are seated, bottom right.

Meeting a naked rambler in the Black Mountains

WILLIAM from Penarth and District Ramblers played host to a group of walkers beginning their walk from the active market town of Talgarth, which lies nestling below the Black Mountains.

Setting off and passing the old disused asylum which later became the Mid Wales Hospital they entered fields, pausing at Rhos Fach Common for morning break and scrumptious banana cake from John R.

Climbing steeply via Rhiw Cwnstab up onto Rhos Dirion, they paused at the 713m trig point to enjoy the stunning views of the Wye Valley, Hay Bluff, the Black Mountain ridgeways and the Central Brecon Beacons.

A journey along the escarpment led them to Twmpa or Lord Hereford's Knob and during their lunch break, a gentleman walker who was stark naked except for socks, boots and a hat – which he politely doffed to greet them, passed by.

Refreshed, they descended to the Gospel Pass following rough sheep tracks to the valley below and on past Neuadd Farm into Hay Forest.

Reaching the village of Velindre, a steep path brought them past Graig Wood ,then Bradwys Wood and through the National Trust's Park Wood for the return to their start where, seeking out the local butcher's shop, purchases of prized Welsh lamb and beef were made prior to the homeward journey.

Delightful evening sunshine but very humid conditions greeted the nine walkers who joined Joy at Rhoose railway station for a local coastal walk.

Setting off and passing through Fontygary Leisure Park, they were rewarded with great views towards The Leys and across the Bristol Channel to the misty Somerset coastline.

Carefully descending the cliff steps which are in need of repair and gazing across the salt lagoons that fill with high tide, and spotting a grey heron, they made their way to the sea defence wall that stretches along the coastline to Gileston and Limpert Bay.

Once the site of a thriving port back in the 16th century when Aberthaw A-Station opened in February 1960, the River Thaw had been re-routed to its present position and at Pleasant Harbour, a pretty lake surrounded by reed beds and overlooked by the redundant old Limeworks, is situated on what had been marshland.

Circumnavigating the lake through tall reed beds they made for the shell of the Limeworks, operational between 1888 and 1926.

Then retracing their steps they followed the Wales Coast path along the clifftop through Fontygary Bay before turning inland through fields and back to their start.

On August 3, meet at Cogan Leisure Centre to leave at 9am for a 10-mile moderate walk on North Gower (assistance dogs only); contact Clive on 029 2065 4156.

On August 4, meet at Cogan to leave at 8.30am for an 11.5-mile hard walk taking in Bryn Arw, Deri and Gaer which sadly will be John R's last walk for the group; contact John on 07484 844 533.

On August 8, meet at the Bridge Café car park, Cold Knap to leave at 6.30pm for a 4-mile easy walk across three fabulous beaches at Barrybados; contact Jan/John 01446 418514.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

Joy Strangward

Motorbikes to travel in two Barry bus lanes

THE council has agreed to let motorbikes travel in bus lanes on the A4050 Port Road and A4055 Cardiff Road for 12 months.

Council officers will assess the safety of the pilot before deciding whether to allow motorbikes to use the bus lanes permanently.

The bus lanes affected will be on Port Road between Barry and Culverhouse Cross and Cardiff Road from Dinas Powys to the Merrie Harrier.

It comes after motorcycle groups asked the council to allow them to use bus lanes – which happens in other local authorities such as Cardiff.

Council leader Neil Moore told a cabinet meeting on July 29: "I think it's a sensible move. It happens elsewhere – it happens in Cardiff and other local authorities."

A council report said: "There is some concern that the narrow bus lanes have substandard widths to safely allow motorcycles and mopeds to use them.

"As a consequence, appropriate safety assessments need to be undertaken before a decision can be taken to permit motorcycles to use these lanes on a permanent basis."

There are currently no plans to permit or encourage cyclists to use the bus lanes along Port Road for safety reasons due to the bus lanes being too narrow, the report said.

Cowbridge U3A history group learn about UK's worst rail disaster

BACK in 1915, Quintinshill signal box in Scotland was in a remote location (the nearest town was Gretna), sited to control two passing loops, one on each side of the double-track main line of the Caledonian Railway, which ran between Carlisle and Glasgow.

At Cowbridge U3A History Group recently, in an illustrated talk given by member Gavin, they learned how human error resulted in the worst rail crash in British history, with at least 227 deaths.

The box was staffed by a single signalman on a shift system. On May 22, 1915 George Meakin was the night signalman and James Tinsley was to work the early day shift. The line was to be used between 6.30am and 7am by a northbound local stopping train, a non-stop London–Glasgow express, to be followed shortly by a second express and a troop train travelling south, filled with Scottish soldiers en-route to Gallipoli. An added complication was that both passing loops already contained goods trains.

Because both loops were occupied, the local train was shunted onto the southbound main line to allow for the Glasgow-bound express to pass through. The troop train collided head on with the stationary local train waiting on the line. Just over a minute later, the second northbound express train ploughed into the wreckage. Many sleeping soldiers were killed, but the disaster was made much worse by a fire from gas was stored in reservoirs under the carriages. The total casualty list was 473 dead and injured, making this terrible crash the worst ever in the UK.

The crash investigation laid the blame on the two signallers who were both charged with manslaughter and found guilty of giving a 'line clear' signal on an obstructed track and other breaches of regulations. Tinsley was sentenced to three years' imprisonment and Meakin 18 months. Both served 12 months, after which time they were re-employed by the Caledonian Railway, although not as signalmen.

Perhaps the company had been aware of the informal and illegal practices operated by staff, but had taken no action to prevent them.

This was a harrowing story of human fallibility, with terrible consequences, presented in an excellent fashion by the speaker.

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New film festival to be launched in the Vale

A NEW film festival – the Vale Film Fest – is being launched this autumn and it aims to include films, workshops, creative talks and immersive events.

Madeleine Sims, curator of the festival said: "The response from the rural community has been astonishing with regard to the film talent and unique venues that are here.

"It was from this that we arrived at the name for this year's festival, 'The Hidden Here', which is of course a play on words defining what our festival celebrates."

The festival is partnered with University of South Wales Film and Television School who are supporting the short film competition, which asks entrants to produce a one-minute short.

The festival is scheduled to take place in various venues, including St Cadoc's Church, St Donat's Castle, Cosmeston Medieval Village, St Hilary Church, Cowbridge Town Hall, Coed Hills, Dresd Studios and GJD Air Museum in St Athan.

The programme of events will include discussions and masterclasses in green screen, make-up, prosthetics, set and prop work, workshops on animation and puppeteering, Q&A with industry experts and of course screenings.

Some of the films included in the festival are: *Apocalypse Now* (1979), *Top Gun* (1986), *The Blair Witch Project* (1999), *The Dam Busters* (1955), *Jurassic Park* (1993), *Rocket Man* (2019) and *Kingsman: The Secret Service* (2014).

Lynn McFarlane, director of Dresd Studios said: "The Vale Hidden Here festival is a very exciting project for Dresd and we are delighted to be a part of it. We will be celebrating the Aerospace Park and MoD site in St Athan where we are based and opening our studio and grounds. Film makers will be on site to talk about their craft."

Madeleine Sims said: "We are supporting some unique projects across the festival, making a short documentary on the Big Issue sellers in the Vale and this will be screened at the new Art Space at Coed Hills.

"We are also supporting an oral history project which is going to be fascinating as their community has such a range of voices."

Finally, Dresd Studios will also be hosting the Guinness world record attempt for the largest ever film quiz as part of the festival finale on October 5. The short film competition is now open for entries on *www.valefilmfest.co.uk* and the festival program and tickets will be available from August 19.

This event has been inspired by the Creative Rural Communities Team in partnership with the Vale Council. The project has received funding through the Vale Council and the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 (RDP), which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and the Welsh Government.

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The 'rugby triers' are the top prize-winners in Barry's premier league skittles competition

The winners of the Barry and District Ladies Skittles League Glenbrook Inn Summer Cup were the Rugby Triers (pictured above). Arthur O'Leary (pictured above left) presented the cup to Mandy, the captain of the team and the prize money was handed over by Cyndy Fenton, chairlady of the league.

Thousands gather for GlastonBarry Festival

THOUSANDS of people attended the GlastonBarry music festival over the weekend at Romilly Park.

Over the two days, there were 20 top tribute bands to entertain the crowds. The festival enjoyed ideal weather conditions – hot and sunny.

Local photographer Andy Wicks captured these fun images of the weekend.

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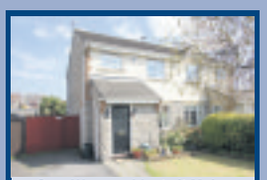

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Bosom pals raise funds for breast cancer charity

PONTYCLUN Bosom Pals are holding an event at Y Pant School on September 14 from 9.30am to 4.30pm.

The all day event will be supported by emergency services, Girl Guides and Air Cadets and will include refreshments, raffle and all day entertainment by local performance groups, choirs and a harpist. There will be also be a sugar craft demonstration and children's cupcake design competition; proceeds will go to the breast cancer charity.

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Vale gym members raise more than £10,000 for local causes

FORCE Strength and Conditioning members based at Llandow recently cycled the length of Wales – north to south – to raise funds for Jax Williams and Velindre cancer centre.

Jax (5) has quadriplegic cerebral palsy and his family are in the process of raising £85,000 to pay for a ground-breaking operation called selective dorsal rhizotomy which would be carried out in the United States.

The cycle ride, plus members rowing the equivalent miles on rowers back at the gym, raised a total of more than £10,000.

Organiser Louise Mitchell said: "We had a tough three days riding in a lot in the rain. Friday was the worst weather we have had for ages and we had very little respite from the rain all day.

"However, we kept our spirits up and all managed to complete the ride. We did 65 miles on Thursday, 93 miles on Friday and 47 miles on Saturday.

"We cycled home to Llantwit beach via Café Velo who have kept our bikes serviced and provided spares for our bikes, and then went up to Force gym, where we received a heroes' welcome – just in time to see some other gym members completing the same distance on the rowers.

"So far we have raised over £10,000 splitting the money between Velindre and little Jax."

August 1 is 'Lamb Day' – a great excuse to enjoy the best Welsh produce

AUGUST 1 is Lamb Day, an annual event which marks the start of the season for Welsh Lamb, which is ample and at its best in the coming months.

To help kick-start the Welsh Lamb season, Hybu Cig Cymru – Meat Promotion Wales have unveiled a series of mouth-watering recipes to celebrate Lamb Day on August 1.

The new series of recipes range from a quirky Welsh Lamb and pesto pizza through to more traditional pulled shoulder, so there's sure to be something to suit all tastes. Working on this year's campaign is the chef of Gower's Beach House Restaurant, Hywel Griffith, who's making an increasing impact in food circles after his restaurant was named AA Restaurant of the Year and recently listed by The Times as one of the best places to eat al fresco in the UK. He said: "Welsh Lamb is simply unrivalled by any other lamb bought globally, with our landscape and sustainable farming methods perfect for producing meat of stunning quality and consistency. The sustainability of the food we eat is an issue that's gained increasing prominence in recent years, with Welsh farmers working hard to enhance their natural environment and in harness with nature to produce a product that's both sustainable and loved for its taste."

With Welsh Lamb being awarded Protected Geographical Indication (PGI) status, with factors such as the clean air and spring water, fresh grass and fragrant heather contributing to create a delicious product.

If you enjoy this recipe, then there are many more to be found at eatwelshlamb.com.

Herb crusted pulled Welsh lamb shoulder

Ingredients: Shoulder Welsh Lamb on the bone (can be made with boneless shoulder); Handful fresh thyme leaves, chopped; 1 sprig rosemary, chopped; 1tbsp oil, 1 lemon, zest and juice; 4 garlic cloves, roughly chopped; 1tbsp cumin seeds, 1tsp fennel seeds, ½tsp coarse black pepper, ½tsp sea salt; 100ml water.

Method: 1. Pre heat oven to 160°C/Gas 3-4 and place the Welsh Lamb shoulder in a deep roasting tin; 2. Place the garlic, seeds, and seasoning in a pestle and mortar and lightly crush. Add the oil, zest and juice of lemon and fresh herbs; 3. Make a few slits in the surface of the shoulder and rub the herby mixture all over the surface. Add the water to the tin; 4. Place in the oven for 45 minutes until crust has browned, then cover with foil and return to the oven for approximately 2½ hours until the meat is very tender, basting occasionally; 5. Remove from the oven and rest for 20 minutes. To pull/shred the meat, use two forks to pull the meat off the bone. Delicious served in flatbreads with a minty yogurt dip and crispy salad, or served sliced with vegetables and gravy as a roast shoulder of Welsh Lamb.

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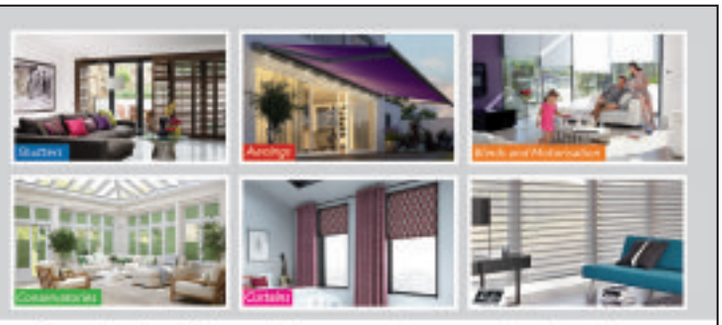

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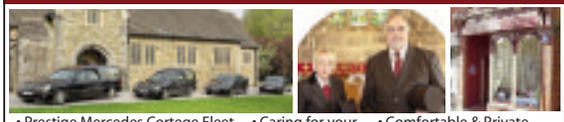

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TAYLOR
Stella Carnation
(NEE HOARE)

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 18th July with her family present, Stella aged 96 years, beloved Wife of the late Joe. Much loved Mum of Sandra, Adrian and Alexis, loved Mother in-law of Tracy, cherished Grandmother and Great Grandmother.
Stella will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.
Resting at A G Adams Funeralcare until the Service in the Chapel of Rest on Wednesday, 7th August at 1pm. Followed by Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Flowers may be sent or donations in lieu if so desired for The British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.

POTTER
Marion Vera

Peacefully at Llandough Hospital on 16th July, aged 95, beloved wife of the late Ron, mother of Michael, David and Brian. A loved grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother.
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The cherished nan of Nicholas, Simon, Matthew and Robert. Dorothy will also be sadly missed by Catherine, Rebecca and Catrin.
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Support Garen's goal to cure Parkinson's in Ray Kennedy Cup

A PORTHCAWL man will be playing in the Ray Kennedy Cup in Denmark next month – an international seven-a-side football tournament for people with Parkinson's.

Garen Williams (*pictured above, front left*)who works for Bridgend County Borough Council as a construction design officer, was diagnosed with young onset Parkinson's three years ago.

Since his diagnosis, Garen has learned about the importance of regular exercise and a balanced diet in slowing down the progression of Parkinson's.

He said: "It is very important to exercise in order to build up strength, balance, good posture and speed. Not only does exercise reduce stress, but it also enhances a positive attitude to life.

"Doing exercise focuses my mind on my abilities, boosts my self-esteem and makes me feel good.

"My goal is to raise awareness of young onset Parkinson's and to raise money for the Cure Parkinson's Trust. This is also a great opportunity to represent my country in a sport I really love and enjoy.

"Our journey to Copenhagen has been paid for, but we need to raise awareness of this disease of which there is currently no cure." You can help support the team's fundraising efforts by visiting *uk.virginmoneygiving.com/* and searching for 'UKYOPD'.

Two good wins for Llantwit Major

LAST Thursday evening saw Llantwit Major A team produce yet another two shot win in their Rockwool Triples League game against second placed Ogmore Vale.

Andy Vincent, Ambrose Horgan and Arthur Hayes won 10 of the 18 ends and ran out 18 - 9 victors.

Richard Bayliss, John Bailey and Colin Ashdown won 11 ends in a closer encounter and emerged winners by 16 - 11.

The closest rink was that of Mike Eveleigh, Stuart Comer and John O'Brien who were 10 - 0 up on the sixth but conceded seven ends to go into the last end 14-15 down. They redeemed themselves by scoring a one to see the game finish in a 15-15 draw. Dave Johnes, John Moisan and Mike Harmon had an off night and were soundly beaten 7 - 19. **Overall match score 56 - 54**.

It was clearly Llantwit's night as the home side also won the two raffle prizes! The previous Thursday evening saw a bottom of the table clash as Llantwit Major A bowls team hosted Pencoed , As a consequence of the previous week's win, Llantwit had overtaken Pencoed in the league table.

The crucial encounter happened on the home rink comprising Mike Eveleigh, Stuart Comer and John O'Brien. They were 17 - 5 up after 10 ends but gave away 6 shots on the 13th and were trailing by 17 - 19 with 3 ends to go. Two 3s on the 16th and 17th ends saw them restore the lead by 23 - 19. An extremely tense last end saw Pencoed score 2 shots, which was not enough and meant a mightily relieved Llantwit rink ran out 23 - 21 victors.

Andy Vincent, Ambrose Horgan and Les Fowler scored steadily and won 13 of the 18 ends to run out as winners by 21 - 10. Dave Johnes, John Moisan and Mike Harmon emerged as winners by 14 - 10. Richard Bayliss, Colin Ashdown and Dave Thomas were unfortunate to lose by 9 - 24 shots. The overall result was a home victory by 67 shots to 65. PB

Tennis club open day in Cowbridge

ON Saturday 20 July, Cowbridge Tennis Club hosted its summer open day, with activities for all ages and abilities, showcasing how fun and addictive playing tennis can be.

More than 100 people attended, with many taking part in the cardio tennis and Tennis4kids activities, which were run by the club's LTA qualified coaches.

The sessions, which are run by the club all year round, were a taster of what is on offer to members and non-members.

The club also promoted its pay-to-play option, where non-members an book a court on the club's website.

Richard Owen, chair of Cowbridge Tennis Club, said: "It was fantastic to see so many new faces, as well as members at the open day. The weather wasn't great to start with, but that didn't dampen any spirits, and everyone seemed to have a great time getting involved with their sessions; the sun came out eventually to shine on everyone.

"The open day, like the one we held in May, is about showing that as a club we are open to all. We want everyone to enjoy playing tennis, whether it's just a hit around with your family or becoming a member and getting involved with teams.

"Cowbridge Tennis Club is inclusive, not exclusive, and we hope that through our open days and more events, we will see more of the community get involved."

The open day also saw the club host a target tennis inflatable, giving everyone the chance to beat the scoreboard, as well as a tennis express session for those adults who fancied learning the basics.

The club would like to thank the local businesses who donated raffle prizes for the event, including Noble Grape, The Hair Business, The Bay Tree, Town & Country Collective and HRT estate agents.

For more information about the club, its pay-to-play option and membership, visit *www.cowbridgetennis.co.uk*

FC

Wenvoe seniors open

THE Seniors Section at Wenvoe Castle were delighted that golfers from throughout south Wales and further afield showed solid support for the recent Seniors Open.

The entry of 134 competitors typified the willingness and enthusiasm for players to support other club's Seniors Open Day and the players were rewarded with excellent weather. The championship course was presented in its usual superb condition: the hot weather meant extra roll on the fairways, which was an additional but interesting challenge and the greens were an absolute delight to play.

The main competition was an individual stableford and prizes available for the top three scores in three separate age groups. Category A:55 to 62 years, Category B: 63 to 69 years and Category C: 70 years and over.

Additional prizes were available for nearest the pin on the challenging 159 yards ninth hole and nearest the pin in two strokes on the finishing 376 yard 18th hole. The latter was played out in full view of the busy patio in front of the club house and provided an interesting climax to the round.

The results were both interesting and pleasing in that away players were quite successful against home players with some local knowledge. However, the two top scores were posted by Wenvoe Castle members with Alan Grant a clear leader with a superb 43 points, and Murray David scoring an excellent 41 points.

Results

Category A (55 to 62): first 39 points, Mike Morley (Neath Golf Club); second 37 points, Ray Sims (Llanwern Golf Club); third 35 points, Steve Daniels (Celtic Manor Golf Club (countback).

Category B (63 to 69): first 38 points, Jeff Emes (Wenvoe Castle Golf Club) (countback); second 38 points, Martin Rhys (Radyr Golf Club); third 37 points, Martin Cook (Neath Golf Club).

Category C (70 and over): first 43 points, Alan Grant (Wenvoe Castle Golf Club); second 41 points, Murray David (Wenvoe Castle Golf Club); third 39 points, Robin White (Wenvoe Castle Golf Club).

Nearest the pin ninth hole: Tony Horton (Llanwern Golf Club). Nearest the pin second stroke 18th hole: Gary Griffiths (Neath Golf Club).

BJ

Members and guests at Brynhill

WITH the magnificent Barry course in almost perfect condition, Brynhill held its Members and Guests on July 28.

Top pairing were Brynhill's Glyn Coles and Wenvoe's Neil Kelly, their 42 points good enough to squeeze out Brynhill's Bob Bounds and his partner, Whitchurch Golf Club's Phil Bond, on a back nine countback.

The longest drive was hit by Mark Weaver, with Phil Bond claiming nearest the pin. Special mention to Tony Thomas, who holed his tee shot on the par three third and now joins the select band allowed to wear the Hugo Boss sports watch, which is presented to the Ace Makers.

On the team front, the Wayfarers' season of misery continued, going down 3-2 at home to an excellent Celtic Manor side. The Barry boys battled to the bitter end, eventually losing two matches on the last but the Newport team proved just too strong.

The Brynhill Halleteers meanwhile ended their indifferent season with two fine away draws, the first at Ridgeway with Gratton/Cummings and the veteran duo of Brookman and Bowsher (combined age 135 years) securing the draw, followed by a similar result away at Glamorganshire.

This time the winning pairs were Bowsher/Lloyd and the ever dependable Mathews and Searle. Onwards and upwards for the Halleteers next year.

Next weekend begins with the Colin Jones/Corey Price Memorial Day; as ever the event promises to be well supported and local charities will be the beneficiaries, as we take time to remember popular local solicitor Colin and Brynhill member's son Corey, a talented footballer who never got a chance to realise his full potential.

Vote could boost youth gymnastic facilities in Barry YMCA

Young gymnasts in Barry are appealing to the public to take part in a vote which could provide funding for new equipment.

YMCA Barry is on the shortlist to win a share of a £1million Persimmon Homes' pot supporting under-18s nationwide – but first they need online votes to win.

The housebuilder runs a 'building futures' fund which makes donations to youth organisations and causes.

Persimmon Homes East Wales is backing YMCA Barry to be a prize winner at a gala dinner in October at which cash awards of £100,000, £50,000 or £20,000 will be made to those winning the most online votes.

Anthea Clements, chief executive officer representing YMCA Barry said: "It is a huge achievement to have been selected as a regional finalist, but now we really need people to get behind us and get voting, so that we are in the strongest possible position to earn one of the top three cash awards on the night."

YMCA Barry Gymnastics is the most successful gymnastics club in the Vale of Glamorgan and has more than 850 members and an additional 200 pre-schoolers attending parent and toddler sessions on a weekly basis.

The gymnasts train from one to 18 hours per week and the club caters for all levels of gymnastics, from 'gym-babies' to international elite gymnasts, which includes two gymnasts representing Wales in Gymnastics at the 2018 Commonwealth Games and three gymnasts representing Wales at the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Other gymnastics classes include gym-tots, recreational and preschool gymnastics for boys and girls, teen gymnastics, as well as cheerleading, tumbling, disability, trampolining and competitive men's and women's artistic.

To ensure the current and future members have the best gymnastics experience possible, YMCA Barry are always trying to improve the facility and equipment.

Anthea added: 'If we were to win, we would be able to buy the apparatus and we would realise a dream of setting up a satellite club in the rural Vale. Just log onto *www.persimmonhomes.com/building-futures* and select Building Futures – Sport and Select YMCA Barry Gymnastics Club to vote for us. We would really appreciate everyone's support."

SE

'Up and down week' for the Llantwit ladies

LAST week it was a case of you win some, you lose some for the Llantwit Major Ladies' bowls team.

On Tuesday we travelled to Prince of Wales Porthcawl and it was a disappointing afternoon. The ladies of Llantwit Major could not match the Curlews of PoW, who all played brilliantly.

Only Dilys's team held them off until the second half. With the score 9-3 to Llantwit Major, the Curlews came back with a four and just kept on going. We lost on all rinks.

On Thursday, we welcomed Cowbridge for another league game. This time, Llantwit Major went ahead from the start. Kay, Glenda, Dilys and Barbara took a four on the first end and romped the game, winning 21-10.

Dawn, Gaynor, Jenny and Carol also went into the lead from the start, a six on the ninth end helping them along. Although Cowbridge did challenge at the end with a four, the Llantwit Major ladies held on to win 25-14.

Liz, Judy, Marilyn and Julie M had a steady game until the 14th end when Cowbridge ladies went into the lead, but Julie and her team came back to draw the game 14-14. Well done Judy and Dawn in your first league game.

Our club has been fortunate this year to have a number of new players who have thrown themselves into the game and seem to be enjoying it, a big thank you to them all.

CW

More success for Vale trainers on their travels

VALE trainers Tim Vaughan and Christian Williams both saddled winners at two different meetings recently.

Tim scored with *Danboru* who, partnered by stable jockey Alan Johns, won the opener at Newton Abbot, and Christian's *Game Line* under Pembrokeshire's James Bowen was successful at Stratford.

James' older brother Sean Bowen had earlier won on the Dr Newland trained *McGroarty. Danboru,* who had two-and-a-half lengths to spare over *Velvet Revolution*, was returned the 11-4 second favourite and *Game Line,* who won by three and three quarters of a length from *Alexandra The Grey*, was available at odds of 5-1.

Imogen strikes for Flint at Leicester

IMOGEN Mathias landed her first winner for Vale trainer John Flint when taking the opening AJA Novice Amateur Riders' Handicap at Leicester last week on *Winklemann*.

The seven-year-old, who went off the 7-2 favourite in a field of 16 runners, scored by a length from *Chetan* and Imogen who was having her 13th ride under rules, was making amends for when she 'won' on the horse last December only to be disqualified for having lost her weight cloth.

Brian Lee

Meet Glamorgan's new T20 opening bat

AFTER arriving in Cardiff more than a week after signing for Glamorgan, Pakistani batsman Fakhar Zaman is looking forward to reacquainting himself with the Sophia Gardens ground where he has a number of memorable performances.

The 29-year-old left-hand opening batsman arrives in Cardiff on the back of two top-scoring performances elsewhere in the World Cup, with knocks of 62 against India and 44 against South Africa.

His last appearance at Cardiff came in May in a one-off IT20 match.

After a conversation with Pakistan national coach Mickey Arthur, he was convinced that a return to Cardiff with Glamorgan was the right move.

"I had a call from my agent after the World Cup, who said that Glamorgan wanted to sign me," he said.

"Mickey Arthur also spoke to me about it, and I said that I would love to play for Glamorgan. I signed without any hesitation.

"I don't know much about Cardiff, but I played a few matches here in the Champions Trophy in 2017, so I have good memories at this ground."

In those two matches, he scored 50 against Sri Lanka and followed it up with 57 against England in the semi-final.

"Glamorgan is a very historic county, and I have so many good memories of playing at the Cardiff ground," he said.

"County cricket is so different from other leagues. There's so much history in it, so I like it."

Fakhar initially signed for Glamorgan's first eight matches in the Vitality Blast but visa issues have seen him miss the first two matches, the defeat to Somerset in Cardiff and a no result against Gloucestershire at Cheltenham.

Now that he has arrived, he says he is looking forward to getting started.

"I'm very happy to be part of Glamorgan County Cricket Club," he said.

"I was looking to play county cricket and I got this opportunity, and I would like to make it memorable. I was having visa problems, but thanks to PCB [Pakistan Cricket Board], they helped me out to get my visa quickly.

"Now I'm here and I'm looking forward to it."

Fakhar has been named in the squad for the match against Surrey on Thursday (July 25) at The Kia Oval, where the Welsh county have an impressive record in T20 cricket, with six wins and a no result in their previous seven matches there, including a run of five victories on the bounce.

A day later, he is expected to make his home debut at Cardiff against Middlesex. Despite the first two results in this season's competition, he says that Glamorgan's record at the Oval is cause for optimism.

"I've been following Glamorgan and they're playing good cricket, so everybody is confident that we'll be good and win the game," he said.

"I will obviously bat in the top order, but I haven't spoken to anybody yet because I only arrived in the morning.

"First of all, we're focussing on the Surrey game and yes, of course, we're also planning for the Middlesex game. Hopefully it will go very well for us."

Fakhar will wear shirt number 39, which he chose himself on arrival in Cardiff.

"I was in the Navy in Pakistan in 2007, and my room number was 39," he said. "I received three or four numbers and was told I should choose one of them, so that's the number I chose."

Report by Alun Rhys Chivers

Penarth bowlers win critical fixture

STORM clouds were gathering over Rectory Green on Saturday last as stand in captain Brian Brennan and his team took on Cardiff Athletic in a critical PG2 encounter.

There were just two shots separating the teams at the halfway stage and the home supporters on the bank were having real concerns that the game was drifting away. Thankfully, all was not lost as Nick Thomas, Mike England, Guy Thomas and Dave Murphy steadily built up a convincing lead and ran out victors by 28-10.

Carrying on in the same mould were Brian Brennan, Derek Blainey, Bob Lewis and Dave Holdaway who also never surrendered their lead. The result was an impressive 28-12 win.

Colin Hicks, Bob Willmott, Billy Croll and Neil Gaskell battled throughout, but were not quite able to register the win they deserved, going down by 14-18.

The Dave Dalby rink found life somewhat difficult as they were defeated 13-26, surrendering 12 shots over the final six ends. With the black clouds overhead disappearing, blue skies returned to welcome a Penarth win by 83-66, and a haul of 10 points.

Earlier in the week, Dinas Powis were the visitors for the Munro Cup and it turned out to be close. With 3 rinks concluded, the game stood at 64-64. Nick Chandler, Bob Horne, Mike Conway and Berwyn Lansley prepared to bowl the last end. Regrettably, nerves overcame them and Dinas secured one shot for a 64-65 win. With only Tony Holmes, Paul Gunter, Paul Church and Russel Daniel recording a win and 2 points, this was a serious knock to Penarth's chances of taking the Munro crown. Dinas now lead the table by a short head.

The first of the ladies games was at home to Rumney Gardens and Penarth stormed to a 21-9 lead at the halfway stage. This lead was further compounded by the end for a 59-16 win. Both rinks bowled superbly with Wendy Grant, Sue Croll, Tricia Brinkworth and Chris Church rattling up a mind-boggling win by 36-8. Captain Chris's rink of Belinda Price, Kath Jenkins and Betty Jones won by 23-8.

The following afternoon saw the Double Rink match at Penarth Windsor and another win, albeit by just four shots. Joan Lewis, Diana Willcocks, Mary Bowen and Lynda Jones led from the first end to win by 17-9. Not so fortunate were Jayne Edwards, Barbara Brown, Maureen Dalby and Anne Thomas as they fought back after being 3-10 down after 7 ends, to narrowly lose by 4 shots 12-16.

NC

Tim's Cartmel double with champion jockey – racing round up with Brian Lee

VALE trainers and riders have been in fine form of late.

At Cartmel recently, Tim Vaughan teamed-up with champion jockey Richard Johnson and landed a double with *Champagne Chaser* and *Canton Prince.*

The former, a 6-1 chance, got home by half-a-length from the odds-on favourite *Black Anthem* and the latter, who was returned at odds of 7-2 in a four-runner race, won by four-and-a-half lengths from *Sonic*.

Welsh trainer Peter Bowen also had plenty to smile about as he won with *Dr Robin*, who was partnered by his son James Bowen.

At Chepstow, there were winners for local trainers Ron Harris and Robert Stephens.

Harris saddled *Don't Stop Dancing,* a 40-1 shot, who was ridden by Bargoed's David Probert, and Stephens won with *Secondo* the 7-2 second favourite.

Stephens also had a winner at the Ffos Las evening meeting when his *Toshima* scored under TJ O'Brien and, as far as I know, this was the first time that he has had winners at two different meetings on the same day.

James Bowen's older brother Sean won on his father Peter's *Buckeye Shan*, which had five lengths to spare over *Patsio*.

If you have any racing news, contact Brian Lee Tel:02920 736438.

Six-a-side teams needed in Barry

SIX-A-SIDE football teams are needed to join an expanding Six-a-Side League on Mondays from 8pm to 10pm at Jenner Park, starting on August 12.

The benefit of playing in the League, which is run by fully insured Welsh League officials, is the advantage of fitness all year round.

If any team or players are interested, contact John Cottrell on 07990 870663 or email *Johncottrell.ref@hotmail.co.uk*

JC.

Tony Yates reviews the Kia Stinger 'GT S' - 3.3 T-GDi

WHAT Kia has done here is made another perfect car that has an engine more powerful than you can possibly comprehend – plus the added option of being one of the most comfortable cars I have ever had the pleasure of sitting in.

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Power and Efficiency: The version I currently have on test is powered by a 3.3-litre turbocharged petrol engine with 361BHP and 510Nm of torque which makes the Stinger move along like a scalded cat – and when you consider it's quite big in size,that makes it even more that little bit special.

So, big engine means bad fuel economy right? Well actually it's not that bad at all – and you can expect to achieve around 29.4.mpg (combined) plus, an eye wobbling top speed of 168mph. Of course, speed needs to be kept on the track, but the little secret of the Stinger is that it loves the idea of doing just that.

On the road: The Stinger feels very good on all roads surfaces and there are no dramas to talk about here because it's well balanced and settled even on some of our most demanding roads, meaning you will have less to worry about if you decide to start planting the Stinger briskly into the corners.

I know I have said this time and time again, but the Kia engineers really do put a lot of effort into making their cars handle well and you can feel that in the way the Stinger tells you exactly what's going on beneath you while Kia's onboard safety features do their job by keeping everything present and correct.

Safety and Technology: Trim levels on the inside of the Stinger are also lovely and everything was bathed in leather and chrome but for me, the Stinger is a long-distance mile muncher and a car that is able to accommodate a large family and pretty much everything you can throw at it.

The interior is also well thought out with modern hard-wearing materials that will be very good at resisting wear and tear for many years. Plus it's fitted with more safety features to keep you and your family safe which makes me feel all warm on the inside.

With technology now being one of the most important factors most people look for when buying a new car, the Stinger needed to offer a lot of toys. Well, I can happily report that the Stinger does not fall short here and comes with a whole array of features such as; 19" alloy wheels, dark chrome front grill surround, tinted glass, projection headlights, LED headlights, LED daytimer running lights and LED rear tail lights, sliding and reclining front seats, 9-speaker audio system with front under-seat subwoofer,15-speaker Harman / Kardon premium audio system with subwoofer, external amp and front centre speaker, customisable head-up display (HUD), DAB radio with MP3 compatibility, shark fin antenna , USB and AUX ports for connection of a media device, rear USB charging port, Bluetooth with music streaming, electronic controlled suspension (ECS) and Brembo brakes.

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To sum up: Go out right now and see for yourself what the Kia Stinger has to offer. What a brilliant car – it's a massive five stars from me.

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Increase in mental health issues for young people in Cardiff and the Vale

THE number of young people in Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan accessing mental health services has almost doubled over the past year.

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board has admitted its child and adolescent mental health services is struggling to cope with the extra demand. In April and May this year, 348 young people were referred to mental health services while only 177 were referred during the same period in 2018 – a rise of 97 per cent. Half of users referred were assessed within 28 days, compared to the Welsh Government's expected standard of 80 per cent. Steve Curry, chief operating officer for Cardiff and Vale UHB, told a health board meeting on July 25 that the rise in mental health referrals had been "extraordinary".

A total of 1,927 referrals were received by Cardiff and Vale's child and adult primary mental health services between April and May 2019 – an increase of 14 per cent on the same period in 2017/18.

Professor Sally Holland, Children's Commissioner for Wales, said much of the sharp rise in demand for mental health services across the developed world is due to an increase in awareness and lessening of the stigma around mental illness.

She said: "It is not clear whether mental health problems themselves have increased, because we do not have an up-to-date prevalence study for Wales, but many people point to the pressures of the modern world such as the increase in high expectations of exam success in schools and physical appearance through social media platforms such as Instagram and TV programmes like 'Love Island'. It is clear the emphasis has to be on early intervention and prevention where and when they need it, rather than facing long waiting lists for clinical services."

Child and adolescent mental health services in Cardiff and the Vale have recently returned to being managed by Cardiff and the Vale Health Board from Cwm Taf health Board. Prof Holland said: "I am pleased that the health board has recognised that in the face of such high demand they cannot continue trying to simply fix the system as it is."

Simon Jones, head of policy at Mind Cymru, said young people should be involved in the decision-making around their mental health services. He said: "One clear place to go for help in the first place, simple referral routes to treatment and short waiting times are all important to ensure young people get the help they need when they need it. There needs to be a wider response and greater support at grassroots and community level too."

A spokeswoman for the Cardiff and Vale UHB said: "Through targeted Welsh Government financial support we are working with schools, local authorities and voluntary services to improve emotional wellbeing resilience for young people before issues arise."

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Windsor Bowls Club faces battle of the sexes

EXCITEMENT was running high as Penarth's Windsor men faced the ladies in the annual battle for the prestigious trophy in honour of Rowland Owen, a former president and captain of Windsor Bowls Club.

Hardly needing their handicap advantage, the ladies triumphed by 29 shots. The men, however, did have the consolation of the best rink.

This is the fourth year that the event has taken place and all 40 bowlers enjoyed a most competitive match followed by a splendid buffet and raffle.

Thanks go to Moyra Owen and to all who worked so hard to make this day possible and to the generosity of the Windsor players that resulted in a donation of £350 to Holme Towers. Thanks also go to Ken McLeod for his splendid match organisation.

In the absence of a PG1 match, the Windsor men played two games last week, winning the Munro fixture against Cadoxton but losing the PG2 game away at Llantrisant.

A strong Munro Cup team had a comfortable 50-shot win and picked up the full 14 points. Scores: Carlisle, Ellis, Turnbull, Palfrey 25-9. Peregrine, Morrish, Hales, Hudson 13-12. Evans, Matthews, Lewis, Stevens 27-6. Davies A, Cucciniello, Latham, Rees 25-13.

The PG2 team travelled to Llantrisant with some expectation but, in the end, failed to get to grips with a particularly difficult green. Although they won on two rinks, a heavy defeat on one of the other rinks resulted in an overall loss by 9 shots. Scores: Mathias, Brenton, Cucciniello, Lewis 14-27. Peregrine, Hardess, Williams, Davies D 19-15. Davies A, Evans, Hales, Latham 14-15. Ellis, King, Rogers, Howells 19-18. Four league points were secured. **PM**

Rowland's daughter Rhian presents the trophy to Alun Daniel with his team mates Colin Roper, Colin Johns and Alun Owen, Rowland's son.

Penllyn Bridge Club results

THE latest results from the Penllyn Bridge Club are as follows:

On July 4, 14 pairs: first, Helen and Mike Ruttley, 70.83 per cent; second, Fran Morgan and Anne Birt, 56.25; third, Julia Evans and Chris Impey, 54.17.

July 11, 19 pairs: First, Judith and Colin Nunn, 68.75 per cent; second, Phil Edwards and Mandy Meier, 61.88; third, David and Marion Stephenson, 58.44.

July 18, 16 pairs: First, Marian East and Barbara Easterbrook, 66.56 per cent; second, David and Marion Stephenson, 57.14; joint third, Gwenyth Wilde and Gill Wybrow and Judith and Colin Nunn, 56.82.

July 25, Robert Brown Cup, 14 pairs: first, Norma Barber and Gwenyth Wilde, 62.12 per cent; second, Cath Mathias and Julie Evans, 59.09; third, Mansel Thomas and Mandy Meier, 56.44. **CN**

Windsor are too hot for Cadoxton

WEDNESDAY, July 24 - Cadoxton v Windsor Munro Cup – away.

Cadoxton found their hosts Windsor too good for them on the night, with defeat on all rinks in a Munro Cup fixture.

The rink skipped by Jim Davies tooka 5–1 advantage on the fifth end but the opposition drew level 7-7 on the 10th.

Cadoxton stayed level until the penultimate end – where they conceded a single to lose 12–13.

Don Kuhnell's rink took two singles on the opening ends, but two ends later were 3-2 behind. Two further singles regained the lead but they were then routed in the remainder of the game with only two more singles late in the game.

Derek Jeffries, with a player short, started with a '6' on the opening end and held an advantage until a '4' against on the 10th end took it away, with a 9–11 score. The result stayed close until a '6' and '3' on the last two ends settled the result in the hosts' favour.

Finally, Ian Heppenstall conceded a '6' on the first end and despite winning half of the ends, was unable to get back.

Scores: E Heppenstall, D Jenkins, W Craven, D Kuhnell 6–27 T Evans, M Matthews, C Lewis, M Stevens; K Davies A Ralphs, E Palmer J Davies 12–13 B Roher, P Morrisey, R Hales, R Hudson; D Sluman, J Papoutsou, D Jeffries 9–25 G Carlisle, R Ellis, D Turnbull, C Palfrey; J Stacey, E Davies, M Curtis, I Heppenstall 13–25 A Davis, M Cuccinerio, S Latham, D Rees. Overall score 40–90

Saturday, July 27 - Cadoxton v Penyrheol CML5 – away.

Cadoxton found the green at Penyrheol very difficult as there were very tricky lines with bowls running against the bias or zig-zagging down the green. Nevertheless, it was a close game. Starting the final end, the home side held a two-shot advantage with each side sure of two rink wins.

Don Kuhnell's rink took an early lead and stayed in front throughout, although they conceded a '2' on the last end.

The rink skipped by Howard Craven went in front from the 6th end and stayed there, despite a run of five ends with their score on 13. They also lost a single on the last.

Derek Jeffries was competitive on his rink and after 19 ends, only two shots separated them. However, a '3' against opened a gap, which was not overcome despite a winning '2' on the last.

Kelvin Chedgzoy's rink failed to recover from being 10-0 down after four ends. Nevertheless, they were holding two shots on the final end, only for the opposing skip to move the jack to make a '4' for his side and complete a tense finish in their favour.

K Davies, D Jenkins, W Craven, H Craven 28 – 15; E Palmer, S Clarke, P Ellis, K Chedgzoy 10 – 32; A Prince, E Davies, J

Papoutsou, D Jeffries 15 – 18; J

Stacey, A Ralphs, M Hurley, D Kuhnell 20 – 15. Final score: 73 - 80. **DK**

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Dave takes the lead in Barry Chess Club championships

THIS week there was just one match in the Barry Club Championships. However it was an important match as it featured the only two players with 100 per cent records after the first two rounds of play.

There was an early miscalculation with a combination, meaning Dave Parsons won a piece for a pawn. Martin Ricketts fought back diligently and did eventually manage to recover the exchange but one of his rooks was trapped in a corner. This effectively meant he was a major piece down until he could bring this rook into play.

In a long game, time was running out when Dave earned the win to maintain his perfect record. Dave is now on three points from three rounds,

Tom Cooke, is second on 2.5 points as the only two unbeaten players. There are four players on two points but Ken Curry moves up to third place by virtue of a better tie break.

The fourth round will be crucial with Dave playing Tom. The four players on two points all play one another, with Martin playing Ken and Peter Watkins playing Sam White.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club. St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY. The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at *http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com*

PJ

Good week for Romilly bowlers with three wins out of three

ON Saturday, June 20, Romilly A side travelled to Rhoose.

Rink 2: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Ray Hewitson, won 17–13.

Rink 3: Arthur Champ, Paul Ross, David Frances and skip Tony Freeman, lost 14–26.

Rink 4: Dennis Mottram, Anthony Jones, Alfie Woolcock, skip John Kirk, lost 15–19.

Rink 5: Eric Fortt, Brian Parker, Mike Gronow and skip Barrie Griffiths, won 26–12.

Aggregate win for Romilly 72 – 70.

On June 24, Romilly played at Barry Central in the Munro Cup.

Rink 2: Eric Fortt, Stuart Simpson, Alan Bannister and skip Steve Close, won 21–6.

Rink 3: Arthur Champ, Dave Noble, Roger Jones and skip Tony Freeman, won 14–10.

Rink 4: Phil Herbert, Dennis Mottram, Jeff Daly and skip Ray Hewitson, won 19–8.

Rink 5: Phil Haines, Brian Parker, Alan Bryan and skip Mike Doyle, won 33–4.

Aggregate win for Romilly 87 -28.

On June 27, Romilly A side, entertained Fairoak at Romilly.

Rink 1: Paul James, Stuart Simpson, Phil Edwards and skip Ray Hewitson, won 31–8.

Rink 2: Don Evans, Alfie Woolcock, Anthony Jones and skip John Kirk, lost 18–19.

Rink 3: John Kirkpatrick, Iain Forsyth, Paul Ross and skip Anthony Freeman, lost 21–22.

Rink 4: Phil Herbert, Alan Jones, Ryan Parker and skip Mike Gronow, won 24–19.

Aggregate win for Romilly 94–68.

The July 100 club draw 1st Jacqui McPherson and 2nd, Hilary James.

Romilly Bowling Club welcomes bowlers of any standard, social members and rooms are available for hire.

JWK

Glamorgan farmers enjoy their golfing trip to the Llynfi Valley

Sponsor Mike King with winning golfers Chris Watson and Robbie Llewellyn.

MEMBERS and guests of the Glamorgan Farmers' Golf Society visited Maesteg Golf Club last Thursday to compete for the Maesglas Veterinary Group Shield and also one of the many quality prizes associated with this annual event.

Played as a four ball better ball competition, 36 golfers set off from the first tee, all looking forward to playing a course sculpted from naturally picturesque surroundings with pronounced natural terrain and stunning views.

Despite the extremely warm weather Chris Watson, partnered by Robbie Llewellyn, played exceptionally golf over the front nine holes accumulating 20 points. Both players continued to rack up the points on the back nine securing a further 19 points to finish with a winning score of 39 stableford points.

Runner up with 38 points was the much fancied combination of Bryan Owen and Hugh Williams with Tosh Taylor and John Thomas finishing in 3rd place with 37 points.

The Colwinston high flyers, Charles Vicary and Clive Edwards, despite losing eight balls during the round, still managed to finish in fourth place with 35 points.

Former teachers Jeff Davies and Keith Davies paired together in the visitors group easily won their section when returning a very impressive 40 points leaving Patrick King and Dai Morris trailing in second place with 31 points.

Nearest the pin on the Watts & Morgan (Cowbridge) sponsored par-3 holes were Chris Watson, Jim Hayes and also the sponsor's representative Mike King.

Long hitting Iwan Davies easily won the Llanerch Vineyard and Restaurant sponsored longest drive competition and Keith Roberts returned home with the Pickeston Poultry voucher when correctly guessing an unprintable number of balls would remain out on this hilltop location which overlooks two counties.

The semi-final draw of the Nipper Jewell knock out competition has brought together Charles Vicary and Neil McLean leaving Dan Jarvis having to play society captain Clive Thomas with both games to be played by Thursday 29th August.

The next meeting of the society is Captain's Day scheduled for Thursday, August 15 on the Mackintosh course at very popular home of golf, Cottrell Park.

T McC

Vale Firsts beat Dinas Powys in comprehensive fashion

THE table topping Vale Cricket Club first team travelled away to Dinas Powys, well respected because of their excellent character and superb teas!

After winning the toss, Vale elected to bowl and openers Darren Upham (9-21-1) and Joseph Davies (8-48-4) bowled with pace and precision reducing Dinas to 11-2.

Alex Upham (8-40-1), Aaron Davies (9-37-2) and Jimbo Thomas (7-18-2) were the other bowlers who produced a dominant display.

In the end Vale managed to bowl Dinas Powys out for 178 in just 41 overs.

Catches were taken by Joseph Davies, Aaron Davies, Dean Oram and James Snelson.

By far the best batsman for Dinas was Curtis Wingren, who scored 58 and batted well throughout. Despite the excellent bowling performance, Vale will be disappointed to have conceded 34 runs in extras.

Having made an excellent start the Vale boys were looking forward to tucking into what is widely regarded as the best tea in the league; let's be honest they deserved it.

They were left hurt as the top order batsmen were told by their captain that they had all eaten enough. The top five left for the dressing room heart broken and others sniggered.

Maybe the captain had a point after all because after tea the Vale openers put on an excellent display of batting. Chasing a total of 179 runs to win, Alex Upham (78no) and Matthew Thomas (90no) put on yet another excellent performance.

The chase was good and strong as Vale finished 180-0 giving them maximum batting points. Not only did Vale secure an excellent win they also did it in superb fashion with 18 overs to spare.

The Fine Wines Player of the Match was awarded to Matthew Thomas for his excellent batting performance. Special mentions must go to Alex Upham, who performed well with bat and ball, and Joseph Davies, who took four wickets with the new ball.

Jimbo Thomas returned excellent figures bowling his leg spin.

Next week Vale will welcome Sully to Corntown, a big game which they hope will put them one step closer to promotion.

HW

Latest results from Barrivale

RESULTS of Barrivale Bridge Club for July 23 are as follows.

First, Tim Barsby and Jenny Vaughan 64.88 per cent; second, Debbie Richards and Noelle Bond 60.71; third, Philip Bottrill and Carol Cochlin 57.74.

The handicap winners were Philip and Carol.

As always, new members at the club are always welcomed and a partner may be arranged, if required.

If you would like to join us please telephone 01446 735592 or call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry at 7pm on Tuesday evening.

Players inexperienced or new to bridge continue to play on Friday mornings at 10am at the Pioneer Hall for lessons and assisted play.

On Thursday afternoons there is an assisted play from 1.30pm - 4pm at the Barry Uniting Church, Heol y Llongau, Barry, CF634AP (the waterfront).

Sully Sports Bowls Club in tight Munro Cup victory

SULLY Sports Bowls Club visited neighbours Penarth Belle Vue for their Munro Cup game on Wednesday, July 24.

In a close low scoring game, the Sports triumphed on three rinks, and took an aggregate 63-59 overall win.

K Aguis' rink raced off to a 13-0 lead after five ends, but a strong fightback by the Vue, winning nine of the next 11 ends, reduced their deficit to 2 shots with two ends left.

The visitors held their nerve to take both ends and win 19-14.

C Coomber's rink went 7 shots down after three ends, which proved decisive, because although they won nine of the remaining 15 ends, they could not score enough shots to pull the game out-of-the-bag, and went down 13-17.

L Roman's rink was also very low scoring and was behind from the opening end till the 12th, but then nudged ahead to take a very close fought encounter by 13-11.

G Brown's rink was hard fought, as both sides led at various times. The Vue took a 7-shot lead after four ends, before the Sports hit back to lead by 6 shots with three ends left.

The home rink took a 4, before the visitors scored a single on the penultimate end, and a 2 for the Vue left them a shot short, giving the Sports a 18-17 victory.

The rink scores: D Burbridge, B Knight, G Currie, G Brown 18-17; A Fitt, P Collier, K Romans, L Romans 13-11; J Pearce, G Tricket, P Holland, C Coomber 13-17; D Davies, R Gallivan, A Collard, K Agius 19-14.

On Saturday, July 27, Sully Sports hosted runaway league leaders Beaufort, and following the 73-shot away drubbing three weeks earlier, they feared the worse, but went down on aggregate by only six shots, taking one rink and coming close on two others. The Sports can be proud of their efforts, as Beaufort had won all their previous seven games, with maximum points in six of them, and dropping only one rink in the seventh fixture.

Aguis' rink lost the opening two ends, then took control with excellent bowling from all four rink members, to ease away to a handsome 24-12 victory.

K Romans' rink had a steady start, and were never behind until the 'unlucky 13th' saw the visitors grab the lead.

They fought back, and a four on the 19th end gave them a one-shot lead, but the visitors took the last two ends for a narrow, well-fought 19-17 win.

C Coomber's rink won half of the ends, but although the scores were level after 12 ends, the visitors blitzed the last nine to take a 27-14 victory, which proved to be so significant in the overall aggregate result.

G Brown's rink fared poorly for 13 ends, but their fightback proved too little too late, as a very strong Beaufort rink did just enough to secure a 21-19 win.

Rink scores: A Thompson, B Knight, B Whyman, G Brown 19-21; J Pearce, P Collier, G Currie, C Coomber 14-27; D Austin, G Tricket, A Collard, K Agius 24-12; D Davies, L Adams, K Romans17-19.

Next Saturday, August 3, Sully Sports travel to MacKintosh in the PG1s, and on Wednesday, August 7, host arch-rivals Barry Athletic in the Munro Cup.

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Young sporting stars are celebrated

Recently, the Halo Sports Foundation held its annaul awards night for young people who have excelled in sporting endeavour. A report on the evening can be found on page one of this week's GEM, together with a photo of the star guests, triathlete Helen Jenkins, superfit Cystic Fibrosis campaigner, Josh Llewellyn-Jones, and three award winners.

Porthcawl anxious to avoid relegation battle

IT is rare to post 236 runs and lose but that fate befell Porthcawl at Neath where the rampant home side ran out winners by 43 runs.

It was the Seasiders' fourth defeat on the trot and, with five matches remaining, the Locks Lane side will have to end their barren spell soon or be plunged into a relegation battle.

Inserted by Porthcawl skipper Nick Morgan, the Gnoll based side made a steady start against the seam attack of Tom Davies and Mark Bevan but after 20 overs there was little to indicate the run-fest that followed.

After a first success with the score on 47, Craig Thomas falling for 23, a partnership of 148 between Lloyd Lewis and Neath captain Andrew Shaddick laid the foundation for victory. Shaddick departed for 63, including nine boundaries, but Shaun Howells showed the visitors' attack scant respect with a rapid 34, 32 coming in boundaries, including a brace of sixes.

Opener Lloyd Lewis was in imperious form and found the ropes 16 times in a magnificent innings of 116.

He was on the point of carrying his bat but had his wings clipped with the score on 270-4.

Neath's innings ended after 50 overs with 279-4 on the board, leaving the visitors a massive task.

Tom Davies was Porthcawl's most successful bowler finishing his 10 over stint with admirable figures of 2-36 while Mark Bevan, who has a remarkable season's economy rate of 2.80, making him one of the league's most frugal bowlers, ended with 0-30 from his 10 overs.

Tim Richards took 1-30 while Steve Doherty recorded 1-67.

Porthcawl's reply started more in hope than expectation but Nick Morgan and Mark Dixon gave their side the perfect start, both impressing with good shot selection. Dixon's aggressive contribution earned him an excellent 43 while Morgan added 33.

Mark Lewis was bowled for 10 before Steve Doherty and Chris Richards raised the visitors' hopes again with a brilliant partnership.

Doherty reached a magnificent half century before he was sent back and Richards was once again thwarted in pursuit of his first 50 of the campaign when his superb innings terminated with his score on 44.

It was a brave chase by the Seasiders as Tim Richards added 14 and Rhodri Phillips 12, but the task was beyond them and the innings ended on 236, 44 runs short of victory.

Skipper Shaddick led from the front taking 3-27 in 6.2 overs and there was also a three wicket haul for Scott Bishop who conceded 53 runs from his eight overs. There was also a wicket apiece for Kyle Britz, Sam Bowring and Rhys Harris

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The heat is on...

THE hottest day of the year so far tempted 40 members of St Mary's senior section for a Pairs Better Ball Stroke Play competition – where low scores are always likely.

This certainly proved to be the case. With a remarkable 16 under par net score of 52, the victory went to Gary Bater and Gareth Thomas. Just two shots back, second place was claimed by Wayne Newton and section scribe, Norman Lloyd, who narrowly missed out on completing a hat trick of aces on the par three seventh when his tee shot hit the flagstick and bounced a couple of feet away.

Two days later, with the temperature even hotter, 17 teed off in an individual Stableford competition. After a stellar round, Jeff Perkins came in with an eight better than par score of 44 points to secure the victory. There was a three way tie for second place on 38 points but, after a back nine countback, Norman Lloyd was edged out leaving Roger Hatton and Fred Evans in second and third.